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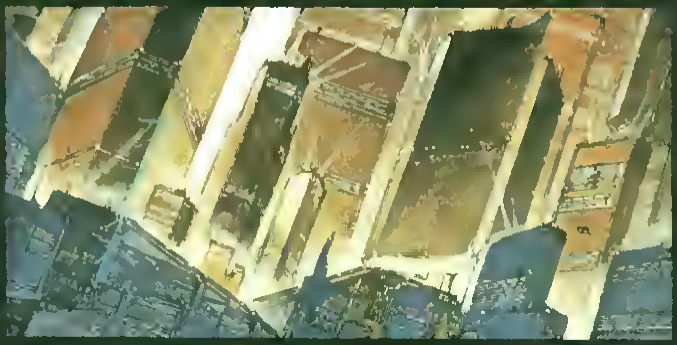

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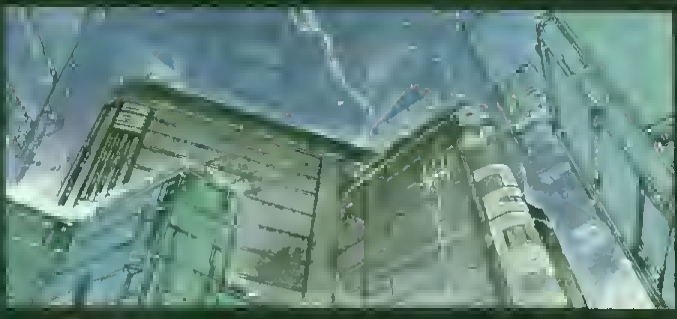

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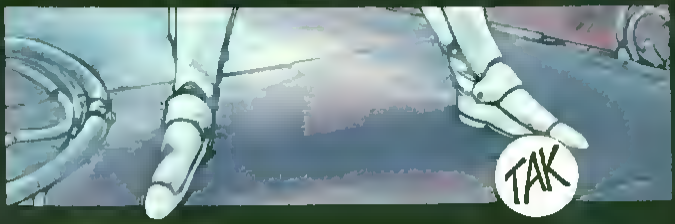

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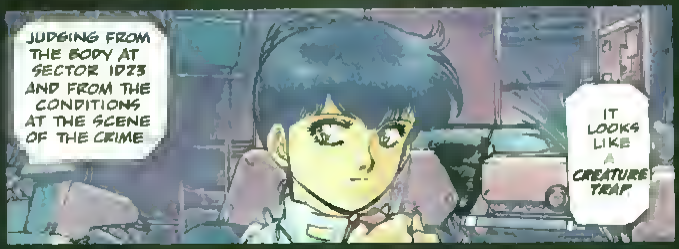
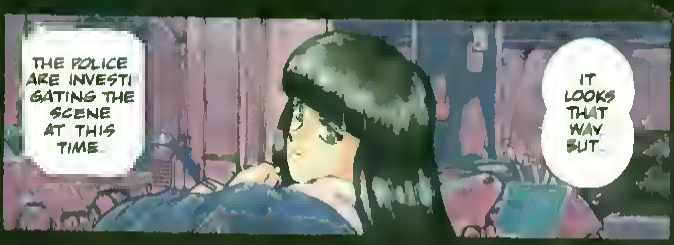


Starring: KATSUMI LIQUEUR

KIDDY PHENIL



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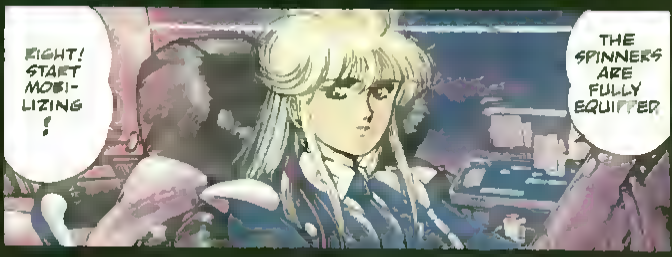

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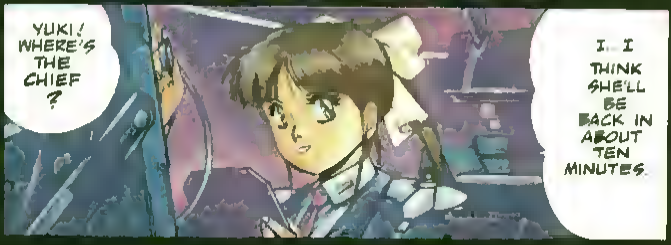

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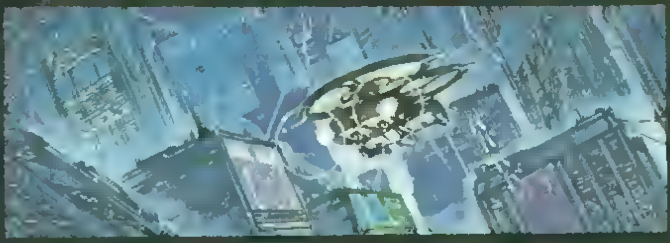
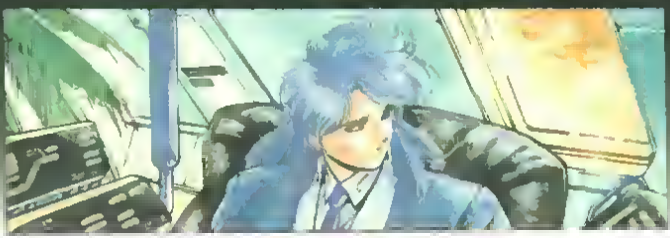




and RALLY CHEYENNE

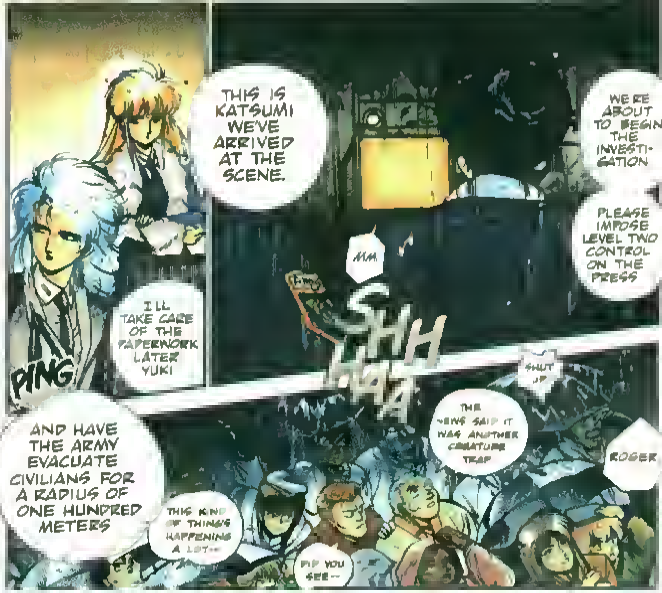
CHAPTER 01:

CYBER PSYCHIC CITY

PART 1

SHHAAA
VEE
WHR
WHR
SSHHAA
POLICE
AH
THEY HEADED FOR THE SCENE TEN MINUTES AGO
SSHHAA
CHIEF! WELCOME BACK!
WHERE'S KATSUMI AND COMPANY?
WHR
WHR

WILL THEY BE ALL RIGHT THIS TIME?
I THINK SO
HOW'T THINGS GO AT THE FEVELOPMENT AGENCY?
SHHAA
HOPELESS. THE SAMPLE SHOULD ARRIVE TONIGHT, BUT
SO, IT'S FINALLY GOING TO BE TESTED IN BATTLE.
PERHAPS
COULD IT BE THEY WON'T HAVE ANY MORE USE FOR US?
CAN OUR ENEMY BE CONTAINED WITH SOME KIND OF DEVICE? I MEAN, WE'RE THE EXPERTS, RIGHT?
OH! WELCOME BACK!
YOU BE A BORN WORRIER LEBIA
CHIEF, A MESSAGE FROM KATSUMI..
A TOWEL A TOWEL.
AND COULD YOU LOOK THESE OVER?
A.M.P.D.


THIS IS KATSUMI WE'VE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE.
WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN THE INVESTIGATION
PLEASE IMPOSE LEVEL TWO CONTROL ON THE PRESS
MM
SHHHAA
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE PAPERWORK LATER YUKI
PING
SHUT UP
THE GENS SAID IT WAS ANOTHER CREATURE TRAP
ROGER
AND HAVE THE ARMY EVACUATE CIVILIANS FOR A RADIUS OF ONE HUNDRED METERS
THIS KIND OF THINGS HAPPENING A LOT--
PIP YOU SEE--

ZAAAAA
SHSHGH
BANK
WEEOO
WEEOO
TAKAKI NEMOTO OF THE GOVERNMENT WEAPONS AGENCY AND FOUR OTHERS WERE INJURED
LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF ENTITY
SCLSH
ZAAAA

SIGH
SO THIS IS THE THIRTEENTH CREATURE-TREAT INCIDENT THIS MONTH.
PING
WHAT ABOUT THE FIRE ON THE ROOF?
THEY'RE PUTTING IT OUT NOW SIR.
IT'S NOT AS IF MONSTERS NEVER KILLED HUMANS BEFORE BUT FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS THEY'VE BEEN GOING AFTER LEADING GOVERNMENT FIGURES WHY?
GREAT
WHEN DID MONSTERS LIKE THESE SETTLE IN THIS TOWN?
TAKTAKTAK
HEY!
YOU THERE! NO CIVILIANS ARE ALLOWED IN THIS--
SHUU
AAK!

THAT'S NO WAY TO SPEAK TO A COLLEAGUE, IS IT ?
FLIK
OH, YOU'RE THE--
WHEN ?
DAMMIT! PUT ME DOWN !
HEH HEH
OKAY FELLAS! THIS IS IN OUR JURISDICTION NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE!
HEH HEH
WHO THE HELL ARE THEY ?
.....
THE ABNORMAL MYSTERY POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR A.M.P. THEY DEAL WITH PARANORMAL EVENTS, LIKE THIS ONE
WELL, NAMI ?
ZAAA
THOSE WOMEN ?!
.....

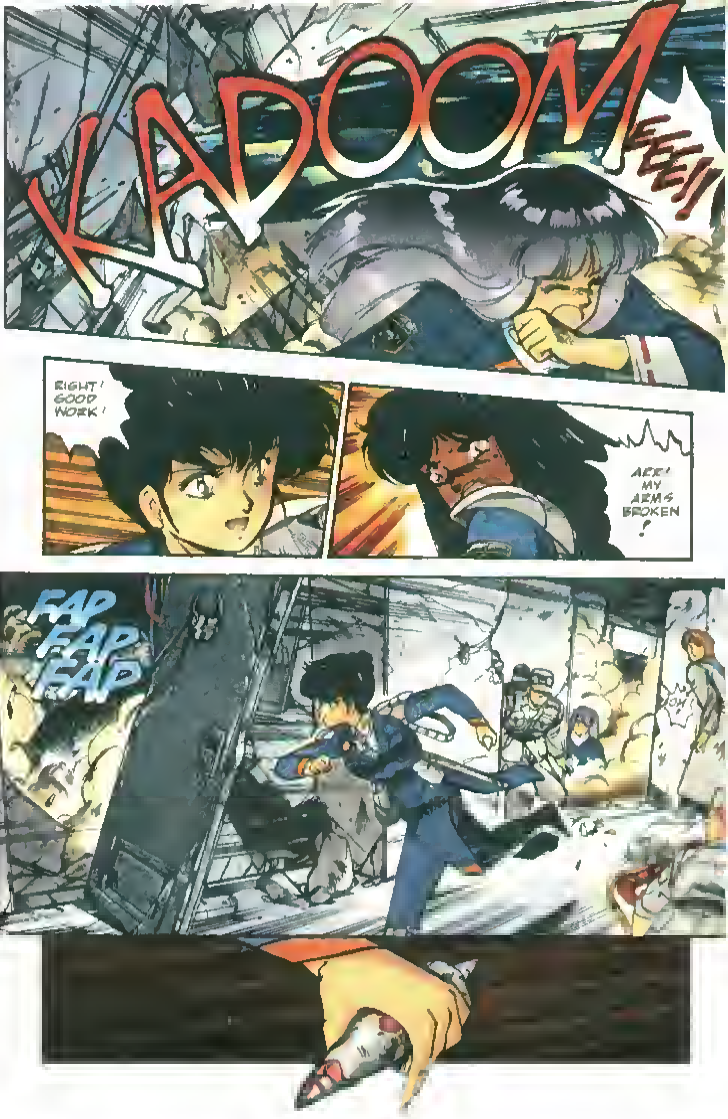
I CAN STILL "FEEL" IT
I THOUGHT SO
THAT KATSUMI SURE IS TAKING HER TIME!
NAMI, WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?
URRRR
UH. UH. UH..
BEHIND YOU!
WHY IS SHE SO LATE?
I KNOW!
HURG!
THWAK!
GAH!
SLOSH
ZOMBIES HUH?
OOOF

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE TESTING US.
JUST THE KIND OF STUNT A LOW-LEVEL ENTITY MIGHT TRY
UHHH
FF WIN
DOOSH
AAH!
KATSUMI!
KATSUMI, YOU'RE LATE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?! STAY SHARP!
BRUK
BLOP
SHLRP
SLOP
GLIP

VVOOO
WOW!
IT'S BEGINNING TO REVIVE!
KIDDY! NAMI! WE'VE GOT TO CATCH IT IN THE SPIRIT SHIELD I CREATE! GET IT INTO THE NEXT ROOM!
GOTCHA!
ROOO
OKAY, YOU!
SHLOP
NGH!
REEE

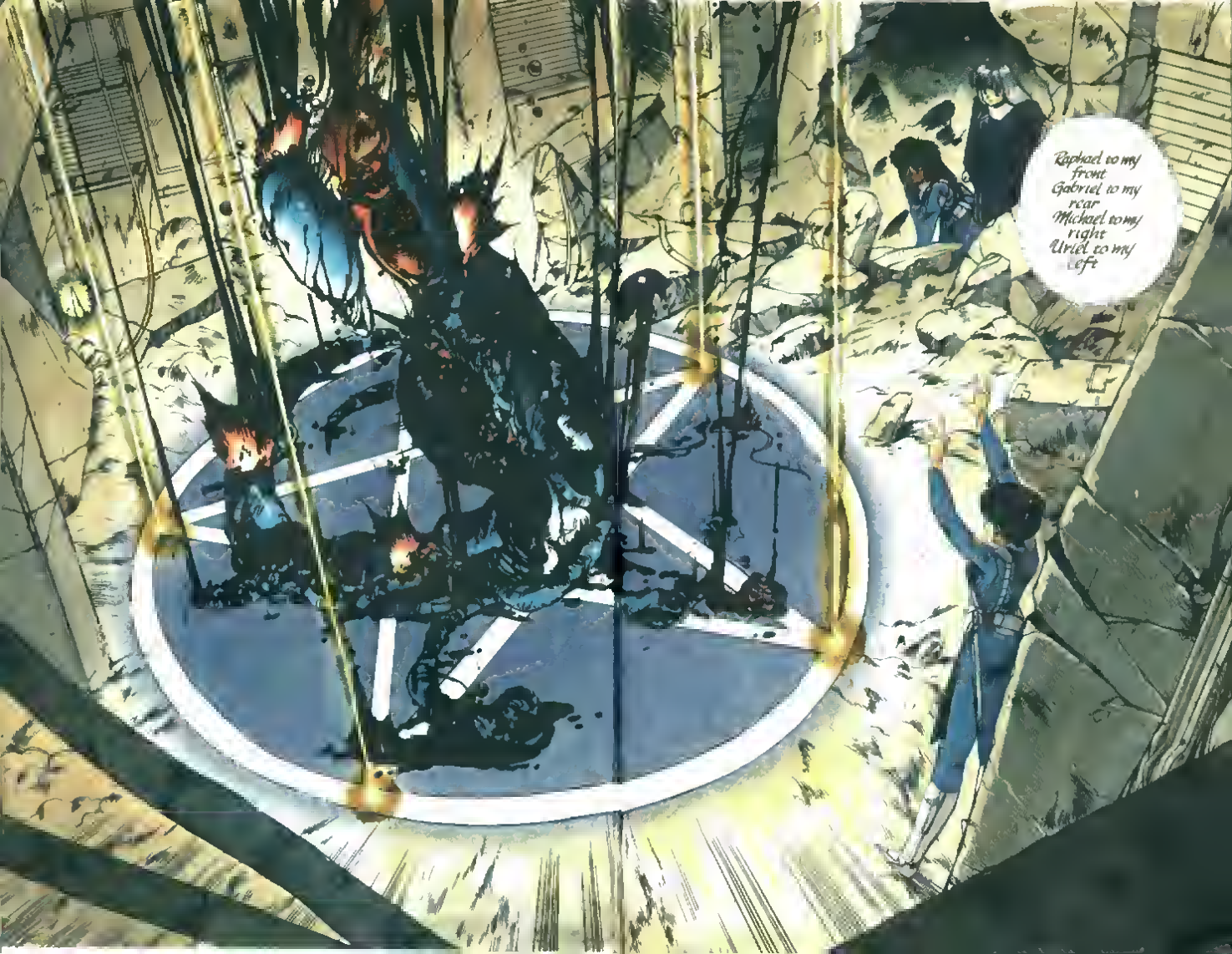
FWOOM
THOOM
HHAA!!
THAP
FOOSH
EERRGH!!

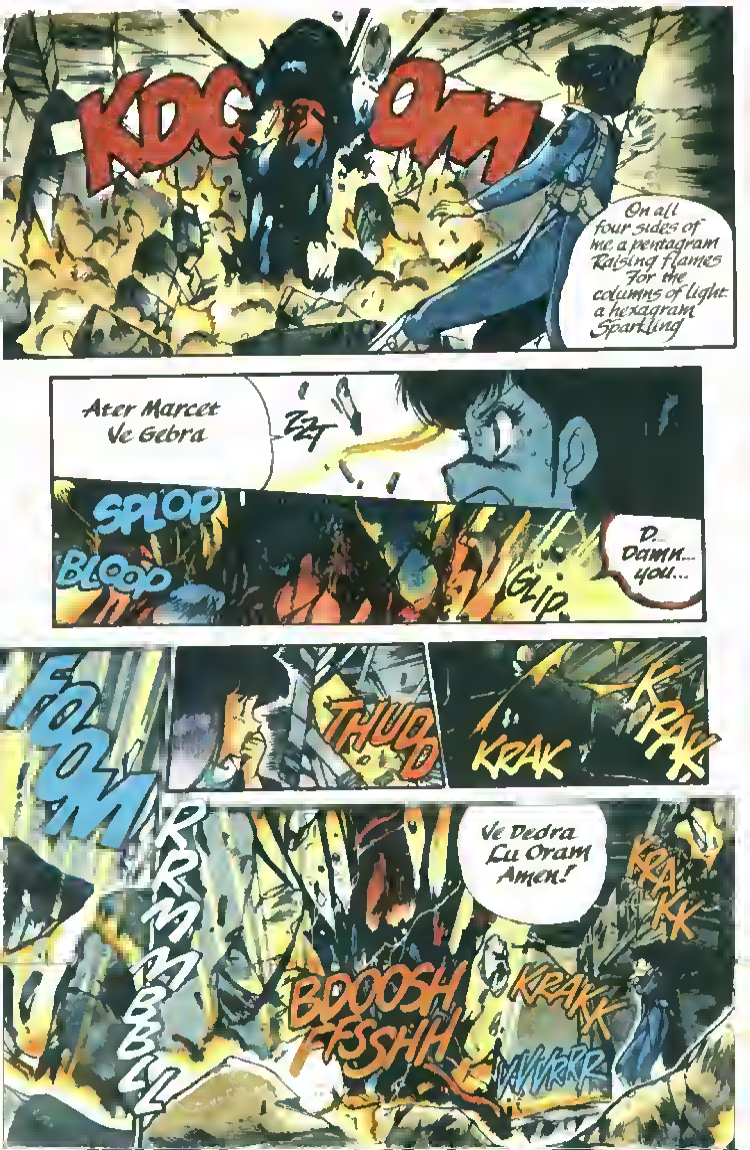
HEY NAMI, THOSE TALISMANS OF YOURS ARE PRETTY DARN--
WHEW
SSHHH
AAARRGOO
WHOOM
THUD
TCH! INEFFECTIVE AREN'T THEY?
FWAK
HOOF!
KIDDY!
AAH!
SHOOM


KADOOM
EEEE!!
RIGHT! GOOD WORK!
ACK! MY ARM'S BROKEN!
FAP FAP FAP
OH

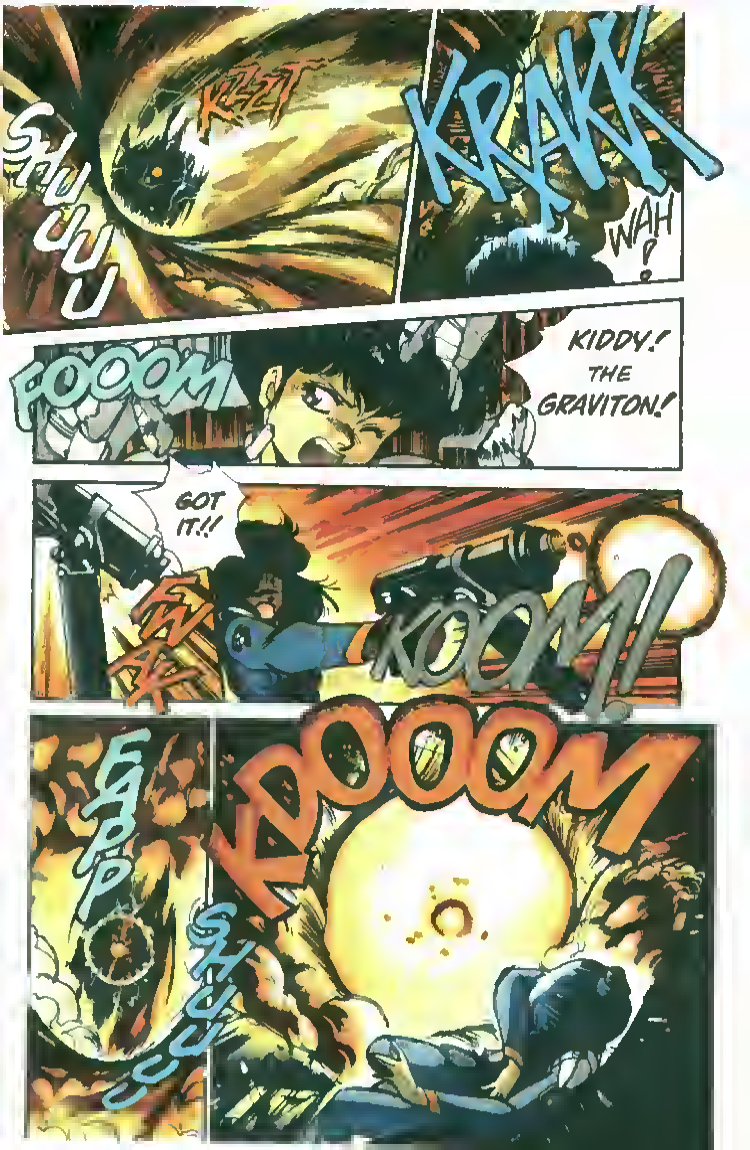
RIGHT ALL THAT REMAINS IS THIS LAST BIT OF WORK.
FAP FAP FAP
FAP FAP
GLOO
THOK
AROOO
REEARR

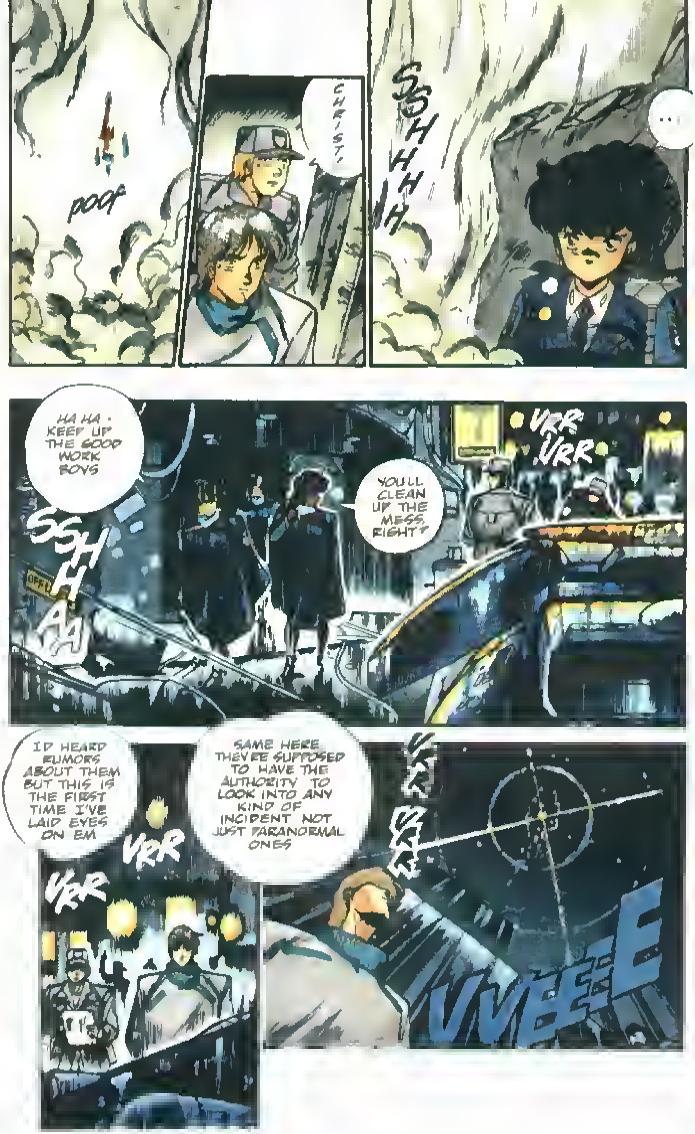
HAH.
ZZT
BZZ
TRYING TO BREAK THE SPIRIT SHIELD! EHT TCH!
THMP
YOU'RE A BAD LOSER, AREN'T YOU?
ZZT
BZZT
BZZT
ARRRR
ZZAT
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT STILL HAS THIS MUCH POWER...
K-KATSUMI!
KATSUMI...
HAH


Raphael to my front
Gabriel to my rear
Michael to my right
Uriel to my left


KDC
AM
On all four sides of me a pentagram Raising flames For the columns of light: a hexagram Sparkling
Ater Marcet Ve Gebra
ZZT
SPLOP
BLOOP
GLIP
D... Damn... you...
FOOM
THUD
KRAK
KRAK
RRMMBBLL
Ve Dedra Lu Oram Amen!
KRAKK
BDOOSH
FFSSHH
KRAKK
AVRRR

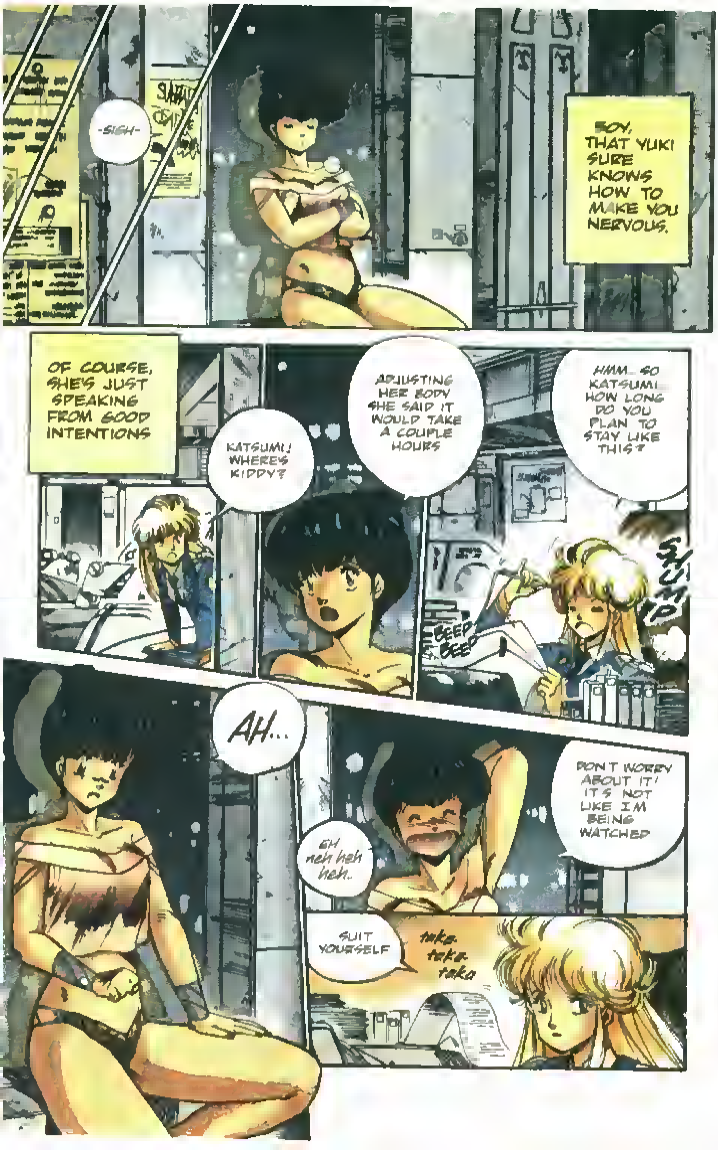
KAKOOOM
UUH!
WE DID IT!!
SSSHH
POOF
KEESH
OH NO! THE SPIRIT SHIELD!
DAMN! WE WERE SO CLOSE!
FOOOM


SHUUU
KRZT
KRAKK
WAH?
FOOOM
KIDDY! THE GRAVITON!
GOT IT!!
FWAK
KOOM!!
KDOOOM
SHUUU
FPP


POOF
CHRIST!
SSHHHH
...
HA HA. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK BOYS
SSHHAA
YOU'LL CLEAN UP THE MESS, RIGHT?
VRR VRR
I'D HEARD RUMORS ABOUT THEM BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE LAID EYES ON EM
SAME HERE. THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LOOK INTO ANY KIND OF INCIDENT NOT JUST PARANORMAL ONES
VRR
VRR
VVEE

SSHHHAA
DR
WHAT? YOU'RE ON NIGHTSHIFT DUTY LEBIA?
YEAH THE CHIEF AND I
HMFF- SO IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SPIRIT SHIELD WEAPON..
IT SEEMS THE REGULAR POLICE WANT TOO TO USE AGAINST THE ENTITIES
DAMMIT! WHO DO THEY THINK'S RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING THEM GET BY WITH JUST NORMAL WORK. !?
THEY PROBABLY DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT WE'RE ALL WOMEN.
DAMN! DAMN! DAMN!
HEH HEH

KATSUMI, I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GO HOME TONIGHT
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN YUKI?
IT'S JUST A PREMONITION.
IS THAT WHAT YOUR POWER TELLS YOU?
YES
WELL, I'M GOING HOME ANYWAY. I WANT TO CHECK OUT THIS NEW PIX I BOUGHT TODAY
VID'S MY FAVORITE PASTIME. I GOTTA GET INTERACTIVE Y'KNOW
WELL, BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.
NEO
UH, SURE
WELL, THEN- I GUESS I'M OFF
G'NIGHT


-SIGH-
BOY, THAT YUKI SURE KNOWS HOW TO MAKE YOU NERVOUS.
OF COURSE, SHE'S JUST SPEAKING FROM GOOD INTENTIONS
KATSUMI! WHERE'S KIDDY?
ADJUSTING HER BODY SHE SAID IT WOULD TAKE A COUPLE HOURS
HMM... SO KATSUMI HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO STAY LIKE THIS?
SHUUU
BEEP BEEP
AH...
EH heh heh heh.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! IT'S NOT LIKE I'M BEING WATCHED
SUIT YOURSELF
taka taka taka

OH?
YOW?
-SIGH-
LOUSY RAIN
JUST WHEN IS IT EVER GOING TO STOP?
SSHHAA
SSHHAA
R-SA
Screech
Nozomi

THUMP
SSHAAA
-YAWN-
BEEP
FSHOOM
HMM ?!
SSHAAA

!!
HUH ??
SSHHAA
GUESS I'M JUST TIRED...
.....
SSHHAAA
HONK!!
THAT'S CRAZY DUDE!
HAH HAH HAH!
KATSUMI
SSHHAAA
AAH!

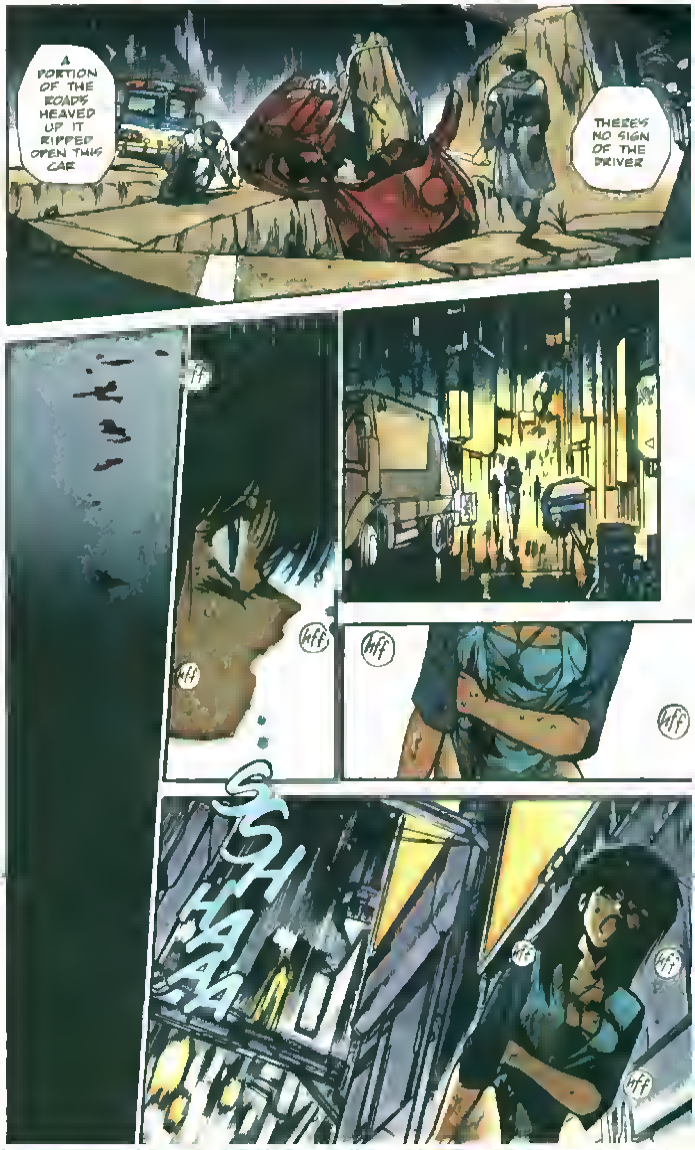
MAN
KEESH

KKRAKK
You are descended from the mighty sorcerer Gugelf Liqueur.
WHO ARE YOU!?
Heh heh heh Which is why I have chosen you as my vessel.
WHOOSH

FSHOOM
TCH!
SHOOM
THAP
THAP
THAP
hit
hit
hit
SHIFF
CHK
VROOOM
SCREEEE
IT CAN'T BE BUT—

VVRRROOOM
THAT WAS A SPECTRE. A COMBINATION OF A DEAD PERSON'S SOUL AND A DARK SPIRIT... A MID-LEVEL ENTITY!
AND IT'S COMING AFTER ME!
WHY?!
EEYAAAHH!!

KATSU... MI ?
.....
Hff
Hff
Hff
HHUUUU
HUH !
AH AH
Shoom
KATSUMI!
THE OTHERS !
HAVE TO TELL THE OTHERS—
Hff
Hff


A PORTION OF THE ROADS HEAVED UP IT RIPPED OPEN THIS CAR
THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE DRIVER
hff
hff
hff
hff
SSHAA
hff
hff
hff

SHAAA
ON
FUMP
SHHAAA
NNEH
UH

KATSUMI?!
YES! I'M CERTAIN SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO HER!
AND I TRIED TO WARN HER TOO! WAAH!
CHIEF!
LEBIA, SUMMON THE OTHERS. WE'RE GOING TO FIND KATSUMI AND RESCUE HER
BUT HOW CAN WE RESCUE HER WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE-
IT'S CERTAIN THAT LEBIA WAS ATTACKED BY SOME SORT OF ENTITY. WE'LL KNOW MORE SOON ENOUGH THEY'LL TELL US!
?
TELL KIDDY AND NAMI TO COME TO HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY!

drip
drip
UHN
KTHOOM
SSSHHH
DAMN IT
HA!
HA!

SSHAAA
SSHAAA
WHY? WHY DOES THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME?!
Heh heh
!?
How would have thought who could have guessed that deeds we committed twenty-nine years ago would lead to this?
You people have become a nuisance
The face that you made an organization just to thwart our activities
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT !?

Tak
Tak
Tak
Tak
You will understand in a moment
Ups I will make you understand
Heh heh
A TRAP-- DAMN!
AAH-- I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
Tak
Hyu
TO BE CONTINUED

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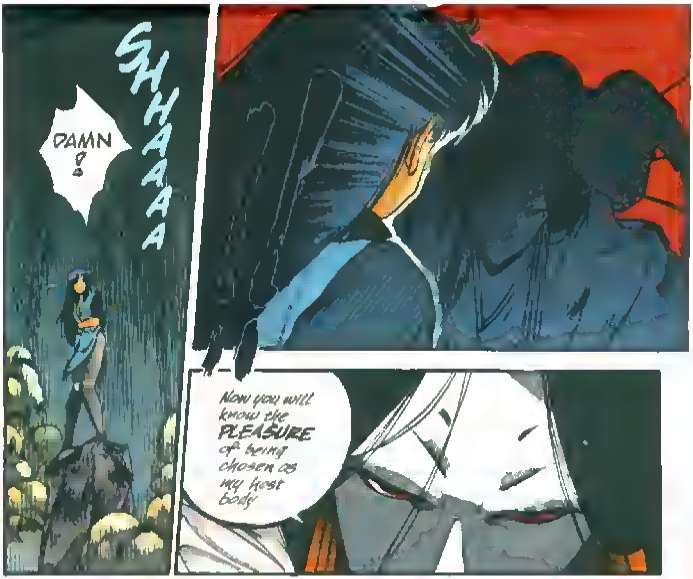
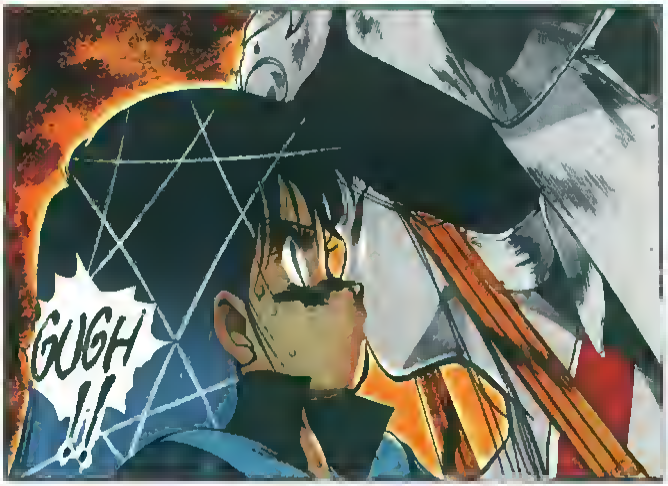
HY UUUUU-
DOOM
AAH!


SHHAAAA
DAMN !
Now you will know the PLEASURE of being chosen as my host body


GUGH !!

Uh...
ZZT
Sh...I cannot enter her body after all. I should have expected as much even from a NOVICE witch
FWIK
Uuuh...
SSSTHH
SHHAAAA
In that case

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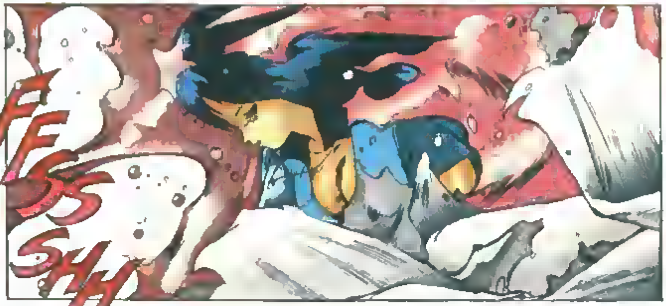
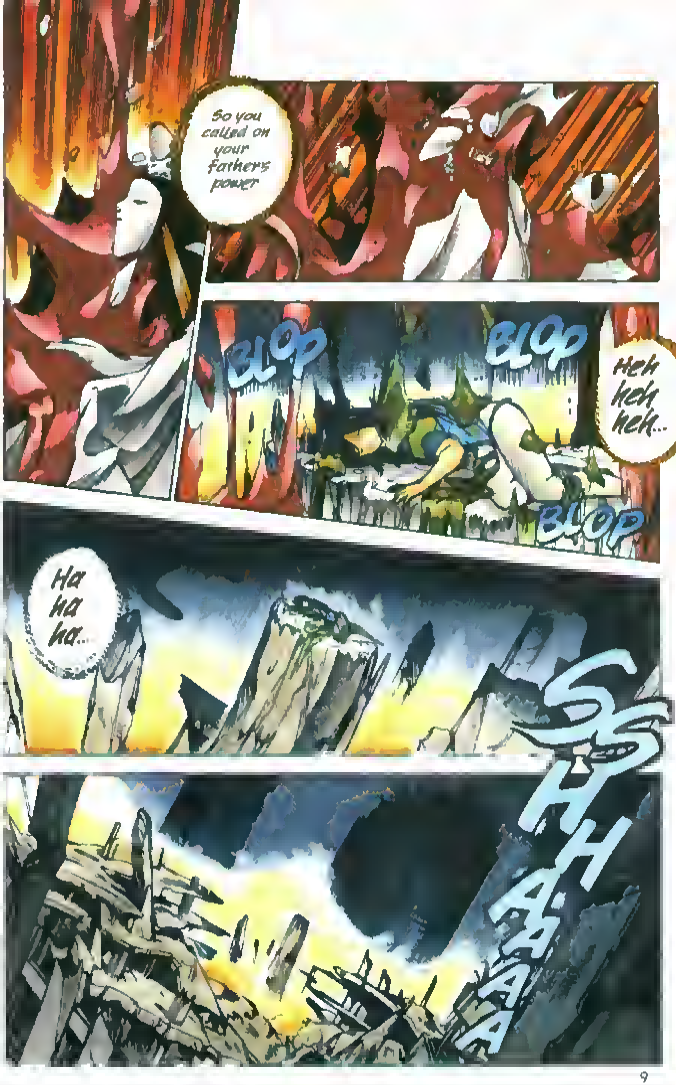
I'll take you into myself!

FWIK
NN, GH--
FWIK
You will atone for your fathers sins by giving me your body and powers.
And you will give them now

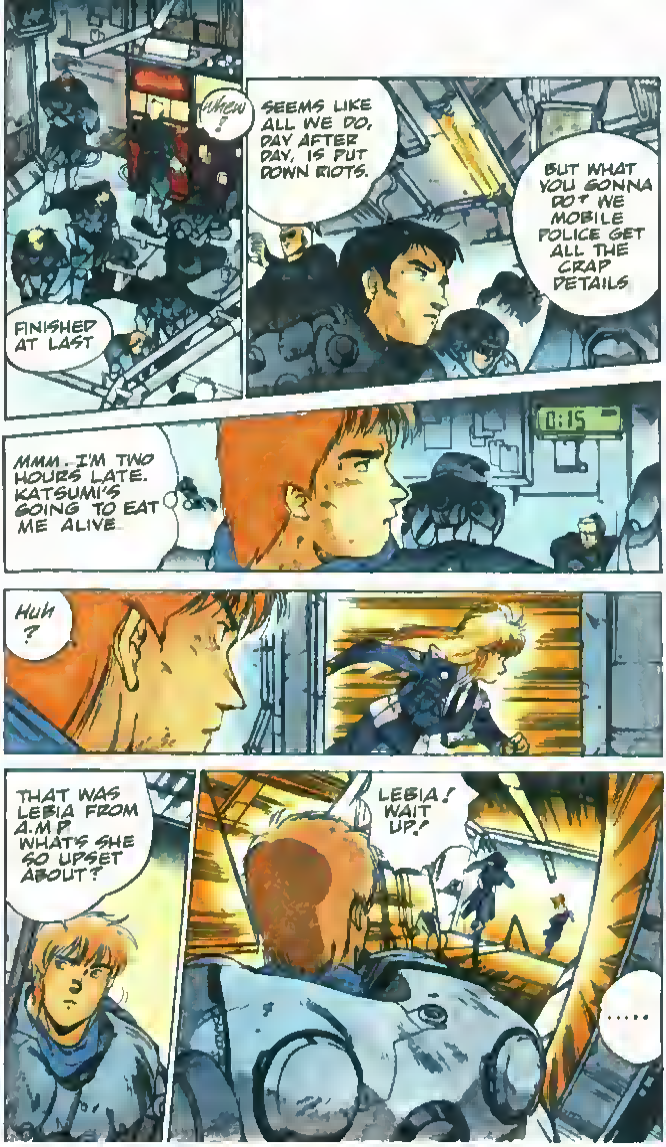
Enter me...
FWOOSH
ZZZ
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
FATHER!
KSHEEN

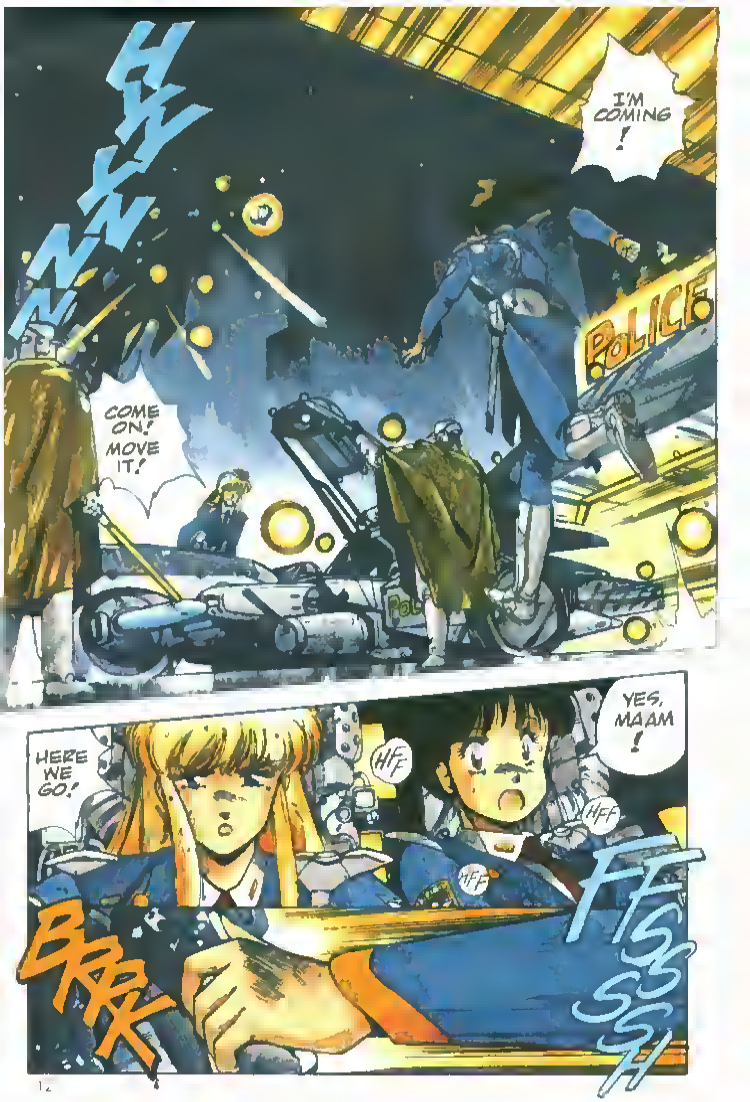
FAWUMP
GAAH!

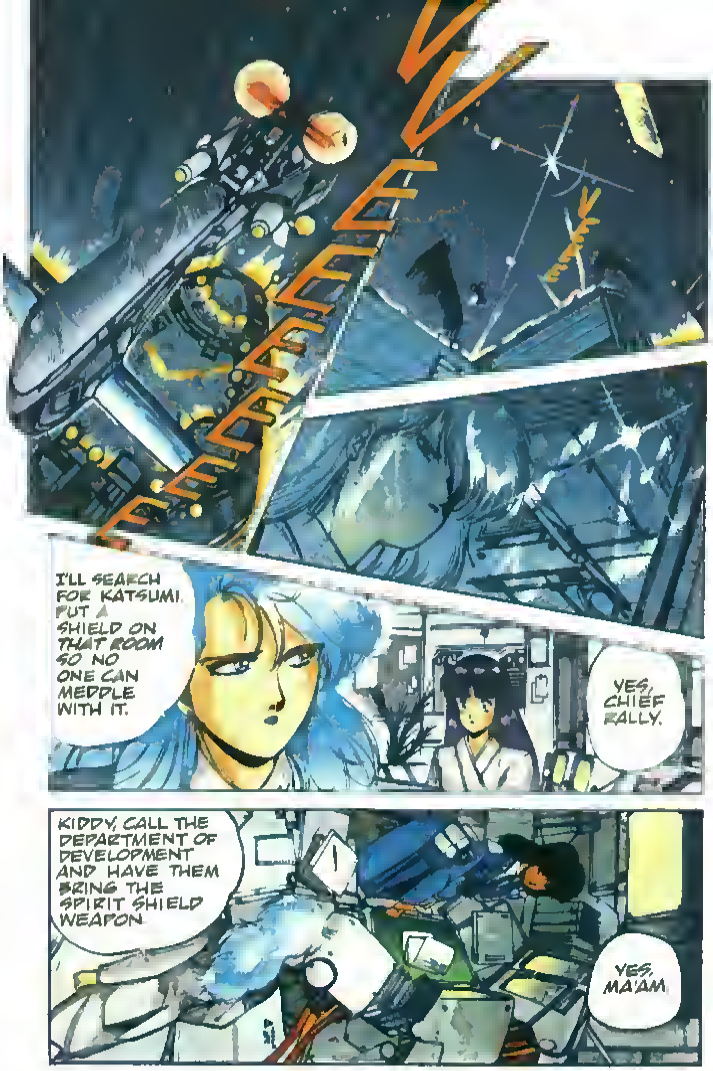

F.F.SS
SHH


So you called on your fathers power
BLOP
BLOP
BLOP
Heh heh heh...
Ha ha ha...
SSHAAAAA

YUKI, HURRY!
YES, MA'AM!
THU
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT ON ALL THIS GEAR.
..EASY FOR YOU TO SAY..
MOVE IT!?
HFF
HFF
Y-YES, MA'AM!
CHING CHING


Whew!
FINISHED AT LAST
SEEMS LIKE ALL WE DO, DAY AFTER DAY, IS PUT DOWN RIOTS.
BUT WHAT YOU GONNA DO? WE MOBILE POLICE GET ALL THE CRAP DETAILS
0:15
MMM. I'M TWO HOURS LATE. KATSUMI'S GOING TO EAT ME ALIVE.
HUH?
THAT WAS LEBIA FROM A.M.P. WHAT'S SHE SO UPSET ABOUT?
LEBIA! WAIT UP!
.....


HYYYN
I'M COMING!
POLICE
COME ON! MOVE IT!
YES, MAAM!
HERE WE GO!
HFF
HFF
HFF
BRR
FFSSSSH


I'LL SEARCH FOR KATSUMI. PUT A SHIELD ON THAT ROOM SO NO ONE CAN MEDDLE WITH IT.
YES, CHIEF RALLY.
KIDDY, CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND HAVE THEM BRING THE SPIRIT SHIELD WEAPON.
YES, MA'AM.

SSHHAAA

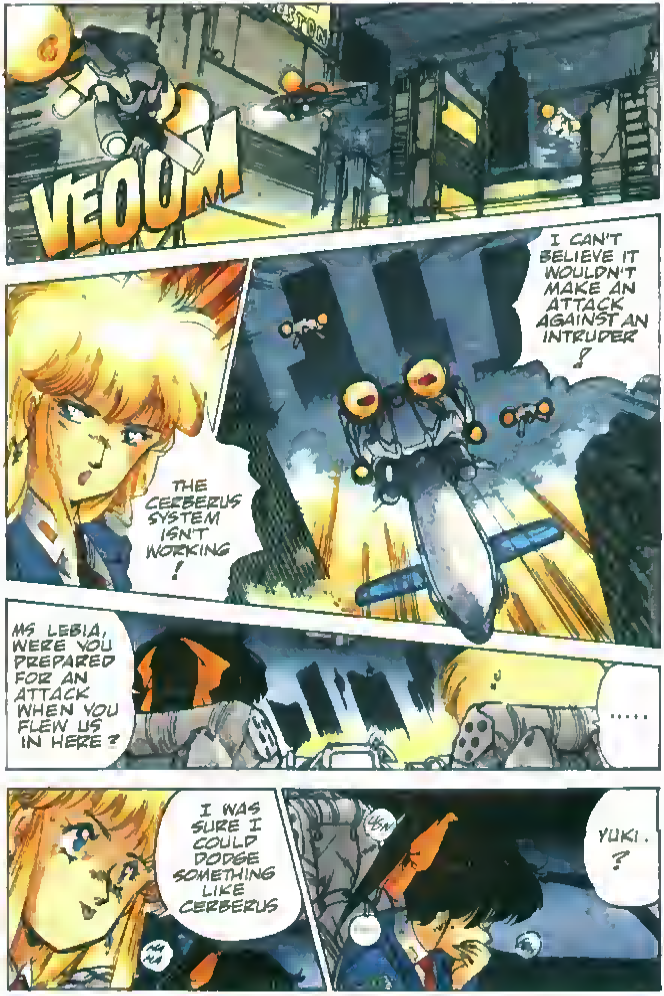
--NO DOUBT ABOUT IT--
THIS IS KATSUMI'S CAR...
TH-THEN KATSUMI IS NEARBY ?
PROBABLY.
IF ONLY I HAD STOPPED HER, INSTEAD OF JUST WARNING HER.
SHE BOUGHT THIS CAR ONLY THREE DAYS AGO. POOR KATSUMI..
YUKI, CAN'T YOU SEARCH FOR HER WITH YOUR POWER ?
NO, MA'AM. MY POWER ISN'T DEVELOPED ENOUGH..

AH, YOU NEED THE CHIEF'S LEVEL OF POWER, MINIMUM.
--THE CHIEF SHE CERTAINLY IS A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN, ISN'T SHE...
THERE AREN'T TOO MANY PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT HER PAST
SHE WAS THE FIRST ONE TO REALIZE THE EXISTENCE OF THE ENTITIES.
ALSO, IT WAS SHE WHO FORMED THE A.M.P.
HMPF-- THERE'S NOT A CLUE TO BE FOUND HERE..
PLEASE FIND OUT WHERE KATSUMI IS SOON.. CHIEF.

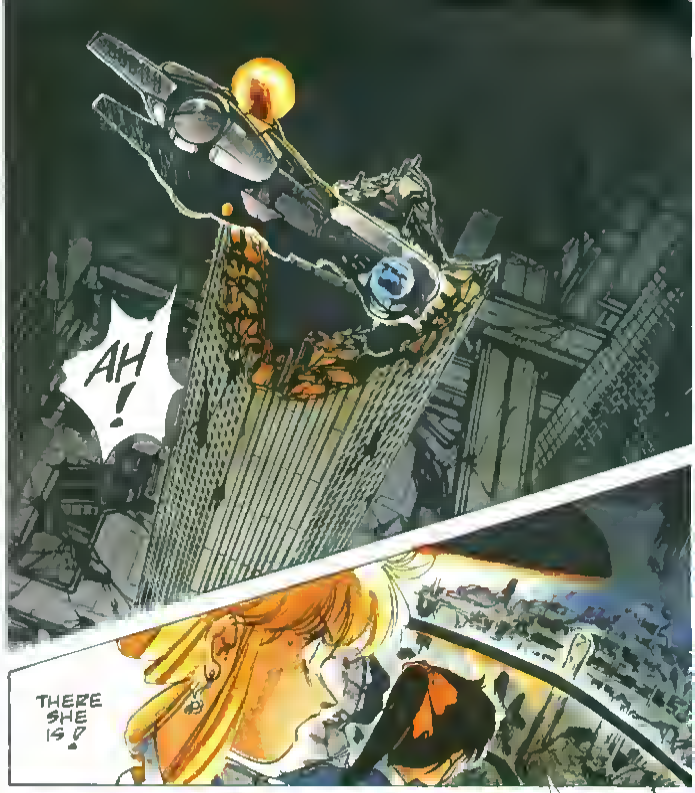
...DAMNED ENTITY, DID YOU THINK I COULDN'T TRACK YOU?
UNLESS YOU'RE AN UPPER-LEVEL ENTITY WHO'S ATTAINED A HIGHER CLASS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO HIDE YOUR AURA FROM ME
D-35-201!
NAMI!
IT'S D-35-201!
CONTACT LEBIA!
YES, MA'AM!
D-35-201..
WHY, THAT'S.

VEEOM
THEY'VE DISCOVERED KATSUMI'S LOCATION!
IT'S D-35-201!
HURRY!
BUT, REALLY, WHY IN D-35 DISTRICT, OF ALL PLACES?
D-35?! WHY, MS LEBIA, THAT'S...
VEEEEE
YEAH IT'S A CLOSED DISTRICT

WEEOOOM
AH! THE CERBERUS DEFENSE SYSTEM!!


VEOOM
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WOULDN'T MAKE AN ATTACK AGAINST AN INTRUDER !
THE CERBERUS SYSTEM ISN'T WORKING !
MS LEBIA, WERE YOU PREPARED FOR AN ATTACK WHEN YOU FLEW US IN HERE ?
.....
I WAS SURE I COULD DODGE SOMETHING LIKE CERBERUS
HA HA
SNIF
YUKI . ?

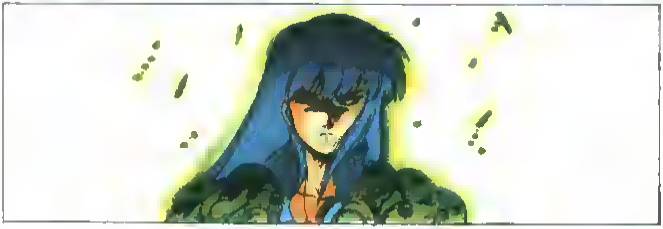
WHAT IS IT?
UWH
GUH
...EVER SINCE WE CAME HERE...I STARTED FEELING SICK NAUSEATED...
THE AIR...IT'S HEAVY, ISN'T IT?
!?
VEEEO
WHAT?!
MS LEBIA! I'VE FOUND HER! I'VE FOUND KATSUMI!


AH!
THERE SHE IS!

KATSUMI!

VEEEOOO
SHHUU
KATSUMI!
YUKI, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE HER TO SOMEPLACE SAFE GIVE ME A HAND.
WHAT'S THAT STUFF ALL OVER HER?

CHIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE FOUND HER!
MM
.....
NAMI, CONTACT LEBIA.
I JUST REALIZED KATSUMI MAY BE
?
AHHH!!
!?
...!!

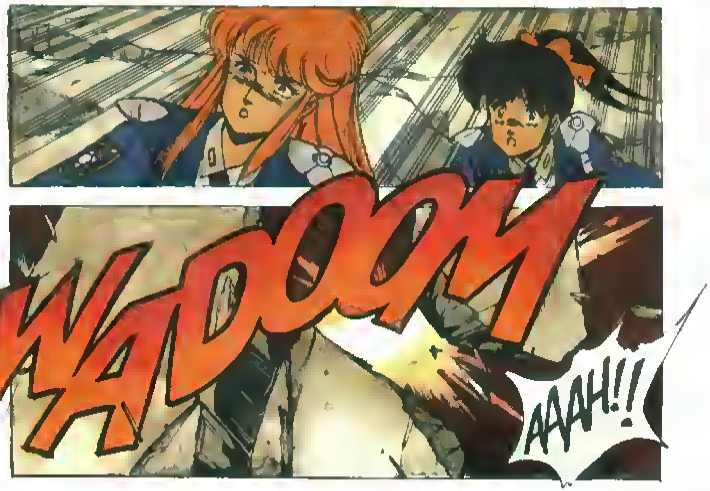


SHAAK
KLINK
Heh Heh Heh...

...I'VE.. GOT IT NOW!...
THIS BLOOD.. THIS BODY...
THIS POWER !!
HA HA HA HA !!
HEE HEE HEE HEE

FIRST, I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU AMP FOOLS!
KZZZZ
KATSUMI! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?!
MS. LEBIA!
IT CAN'T BE, BUT SOMEHOW AN ENTITY HAS TAKEN OVER KATSUMI'S BODY.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT..
IF IT'S TRUE, THEN THAT STUFF ALL OVER HER IS...
THE ENTITY ITSELF!?

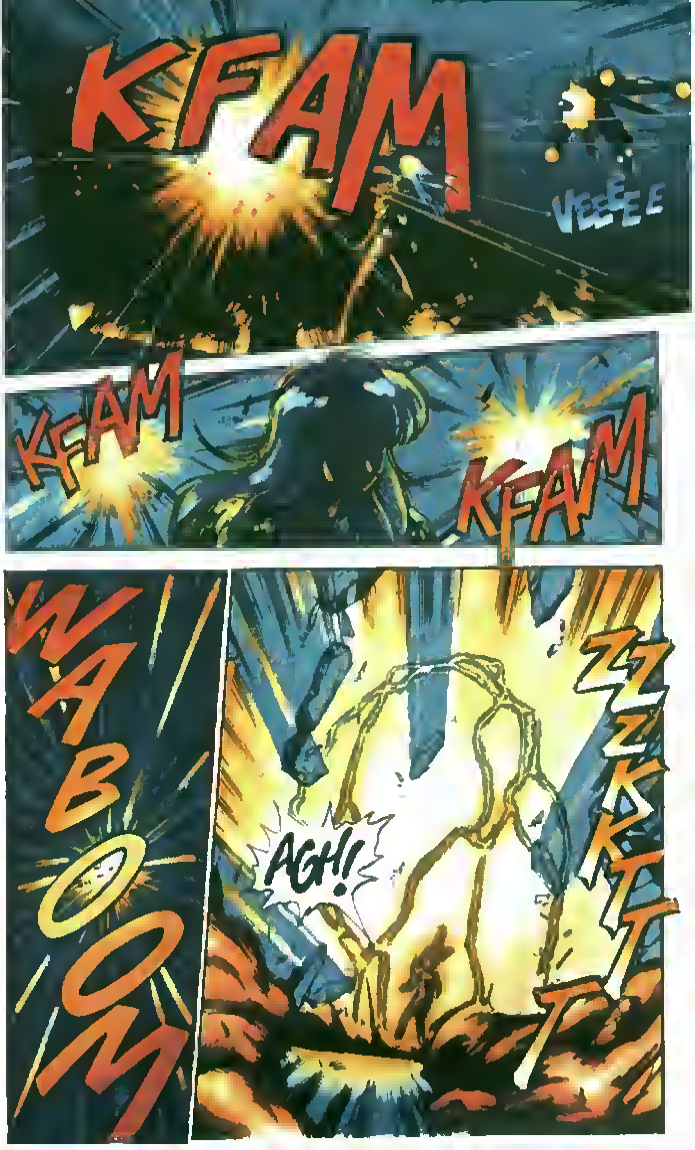
DIE!


WADOOM
AAAH!!

LEBIA THIS ISN'T KATSUMI ANYMORE !
VEEEE
KIDDY !
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
DOOM
CHIEF ! NAMI !
VEEEE
Perfect all the members of the A.W.P are here-
It was worth all that trouble sabotaging the Cerberus system and waiting

AND WE'VE BEEN SAVED THE TROUBLE OF ARRANGING FOR A TEST OF OUR NEW SPIRIT SHIELD WEAPON.
NOW THAT IT'S COMPLETE, WE CAN TRY IT ON THE REAL THING
.....
CHIEF! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO USE THE SPIRIT SHIELD WEAPON ON KATSUMI!?
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF EFFECT IT'LL HAVE ON A HUMAN BODY!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE THE GRAVITON WOULD KILL HER OUTRIGHT.
TRUE, BUT...
NO BUTS ABOUT IT, WE HAVE TO USE THE SPIRIT SHIELD WEAPON
BEGIN DATA COLLECTION! RUN THE CAMERAS!

CHIEF!
LEBIA, DON'T WORRY. KATSUMI'S ALL RIGHT
IMPUDENT HUMANS! GO AHEAD AND USE YOUR PUNY WEAPON!
I'LL DEVOUR IT AND YOUR WORTHLESS SOULS!
VEEEE
FIRE THE SPIRIT SHIELD WEAPON!
KOOOM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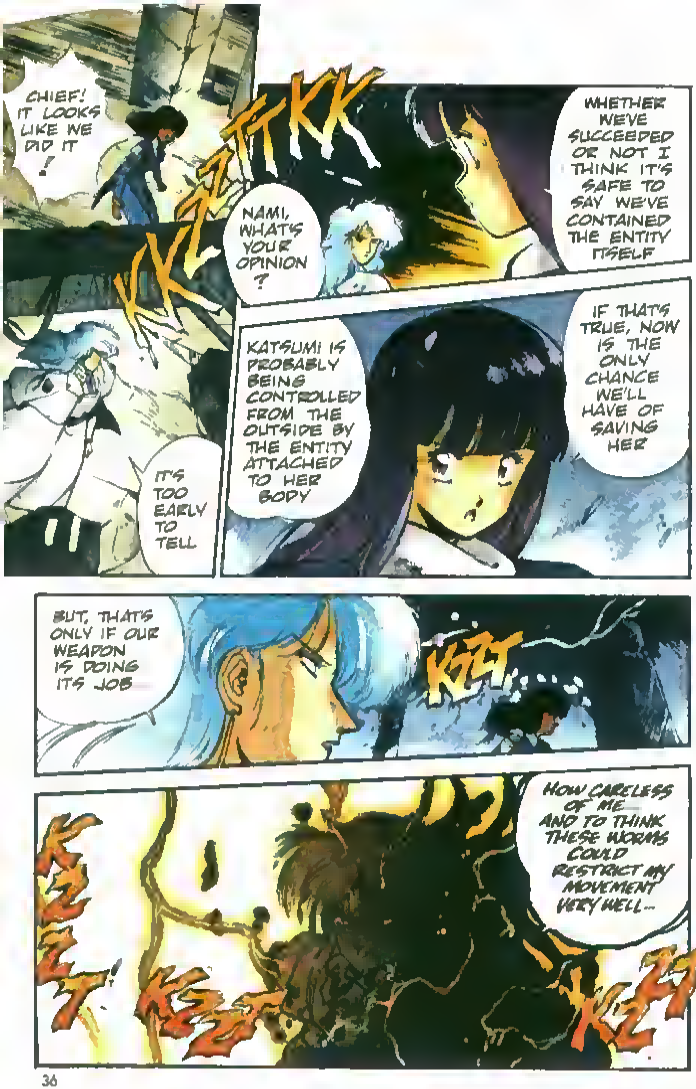
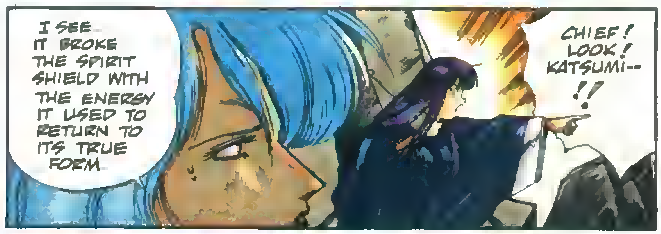
VEEEEE
KFAM
KFAM
WABOOM
ZZZKKTTT
AGH!


CHIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE WE DID IT!
KKZZTTKK
KKZ
NAMI, WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?
WHETHER WE'VE SUCCEEDED OR NOT I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY WE'VE CONTAINED THE ENTITY ITSELF
IT'S TOO EARLY TO TELL
KATSUMI IS PROBABLY BEING CONTROLLED FROM THE OUTSIDE BY THE ENTITY ATTACHED TO HER BODY
IF THAT'S TRUE, NOW IS THE ONLY CHANCE WE'LL HAVE OF SAVING HER
BUT, THAT'S ONLY IF OUR WEAPON IS DOING ITS JOB
KZZT
KZZT
KZZT
KZZT
HOW CARELESS OF ME... AND TO THINK THESE WORMS COULD RESTRICT MY MOVEMENT VERY WELL...

!!
FALL BACK EVERYONE! IT'S GOING TO TRY AND BREAK THE SPIRIT SHIELD!
FWOOSH
KRAAK
AAH!
THOOM
WABOOM



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PART 3
BLOOP
IT'S DRAINING KATSUMI'S POWER FROM HER!
KATSUMI!
.....
THWP
THWP
THWP

FYUU
SHUK
SHUK
UH!
AAH!
SHUK
WHY, YOU!
CHK
WAIT, KIDDY! THERE'S A CHANCE KATSUMI COULD BE HURT, TOO! DON'T USE THE GRAVITON!
TCH!
IF KATSUMI COULD SOMEHOW RETURN TO CONSCIOUSNESS, THERE MIGHT BE A CHANCE.
MMM

FOOM
UH!
FOOM
AAH!
KOOOM
LEBIA!
WARPING WAVES! LOOK OUT, KIDDY!
THUD
SLRK
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!
SHOOM
FWOOSH

SHOOM
Kuriiu
KTHOOM
VVUU
!
AAH!
AH!
SCRAK

KIDD!
KOOM
WAAH!
D. DAMMIT!
RAUL! IS THIS THE BEST THE AMP HAS TO OFFER?
RAUMAN!
YOU'VE GOT KATSUMI'S POWER AND ALL YOU'VE DONE IS MAKE THESE PUNY JABS IT IS ME WHO ARE UNDERWHELMED
THE COLUMN KIDDY THREW. IT STUCK UP RIGHT. AND THE OTHER COLUMNS.
THE WAY THEY'RE LINED UP. COULD IT BE...?

NAMI, YOU NOTICED TOO, EH?
YES, MA'AM
IF WE CAN CONTAIN ITS MOVEMENTS, EVEN FOR THIRTY SECONDS, WE COULD SET UP A SPIRIT SHIELD GET TO WORK! YOU HAVE FOUR MINUTES!
WHY DID YOU GO AFTER KATSUMI?
To me of the spirit realms this girl's father was a great criminal who cannot be forgiven but the supernatural power of his blood is enormous
It is my task to make her blood my own and to eliminate the A.M.P.
Which is why I have taken her inside me
TCH!
WHAT'S THIS DAMNED ENTITY BABBLING ABOUT?
KOKUGH
THWIP

SHLOK
UH!
CHIEF !!
DON'T WORRY !
SHHSHH
You can't move now, can you ?
SHAK
WHEW! ONE MORE .
SEEK
NEITHER CAN YOU

!
NAMI.!
NOW!
"HH"
SHOK
What?!
ZLA
AT

NNGG!
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
CHIEF!
THAP
I'M ALL RIGHT.
ARR! YOU USED THESE COLUMNS TO MAKE A SPIRIT SHIELD!!
VVVV
RRMMBB
LITTLE WENCH--
NN. NNN
NAMI'S POWER WILL HOLD A MINUTE OR SO! KIDDY, YOU'VE GOT TO FREE KATSUMI FROM THAT THING!

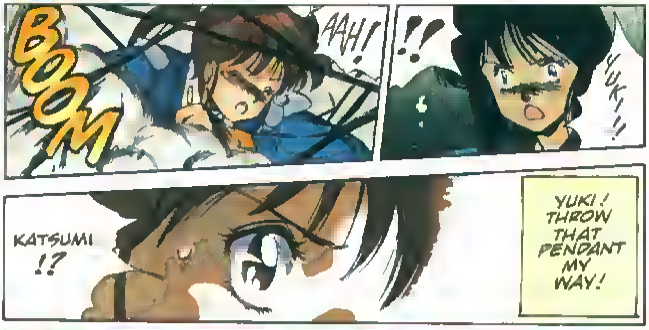
WHAT ?!
IT'LL PROBABLY USE ALL ITS POWER TO BREAK NAMI'S SPIRIT SHIELD WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THERE SHOULD BE A FEW SECONDS WHERE IT'LL BE VULNERABLE MOVE THEN
AHH-- I CAN'T HOLD IT ANY MORE!
KRAK
KRK
KRK
VVVVV
EEAAAH!
WABOOM
KIDY!
RIGHT!

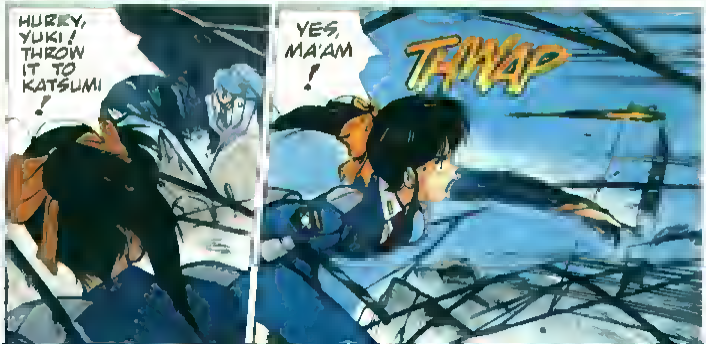
THOOM
UH!
KBOOM
WHUMP
WAH!

SHE FAILED! WE CAN'T RESCUE KATSUMI!
Tink
WHAT.. ?
KATSUMI'S PENDANT ? WHAT'S IT DOING THERE ?
BLINK
BADUMP
BADUMP
UH!
NO. WE CAN'T CALL IT A FAILURE YET
WHERE AM I ?! INSIDE THE ENTITY! IT SWALLOWED ME UP ?
GLUP

Little wench you've regained consciousness?
Well your use is nearly over. It's better that you let me finish digesting you
AH!
MY PENDANT, IT'S GONE!
GLUB
WHERE!?
Rally, this is the end!
WOOSH

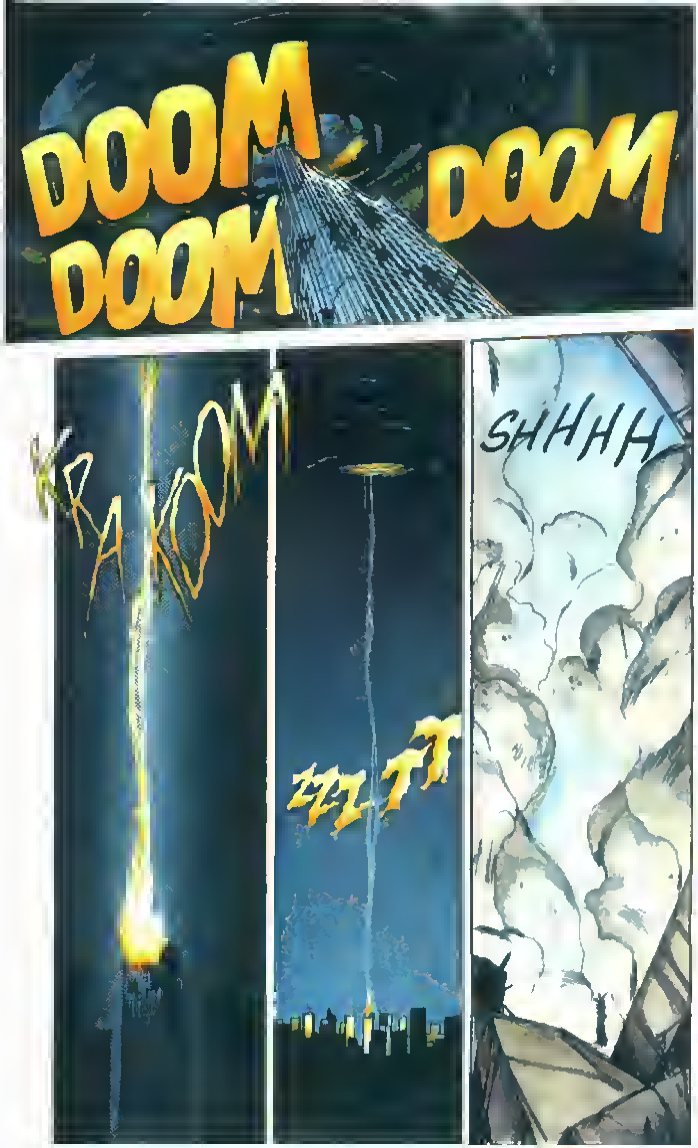
WADOOM

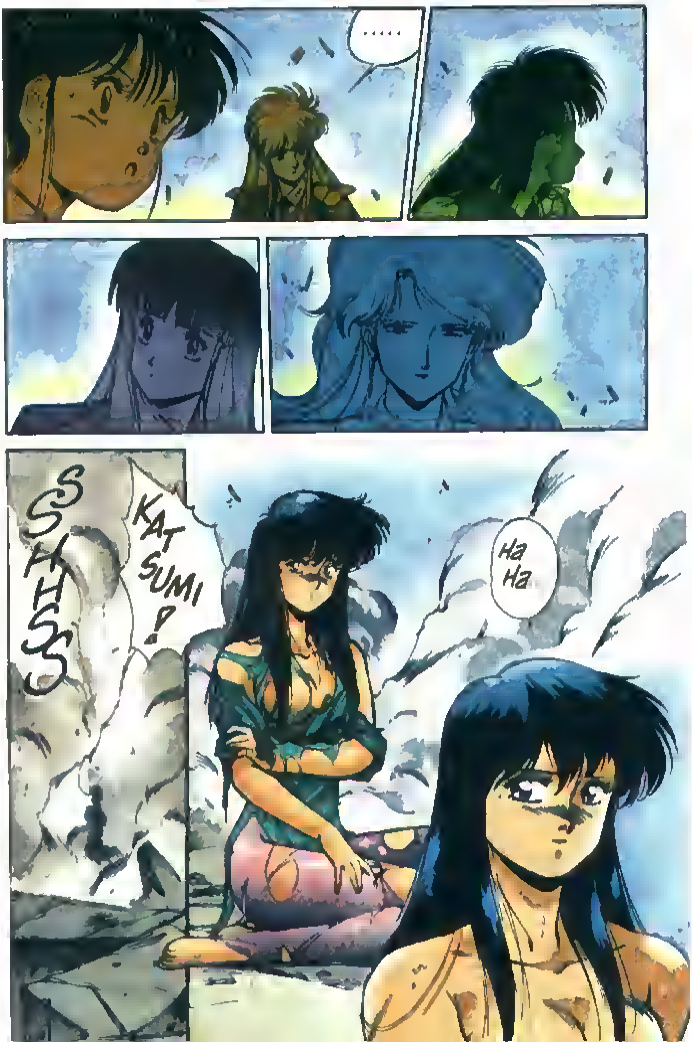

BOOM
AAH!
!?
YUKI!!
KATSUMI !?
YUKI! THROW THAT PENDANT MY WAY!


HURRY, YUKI! THROW IT TO KATSUMI!
YES, MA'AM!
THWAP

SHEEN
SHUK
NO! IT CAN'T BE!
YES! THIS TALISMAN CONTAINS MY FATHER'S MENTAL ENERGY!
NOW I'M GOING TO SEND YOU BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG!
FATHER THIS ONE TIME, LEND ME YOUR POWER!
?
YOUR POWER AS A GREAT SORCERER!
ST-STOP!
EVIL BEING...
..RETURN TO YOUR HELLWORLD!

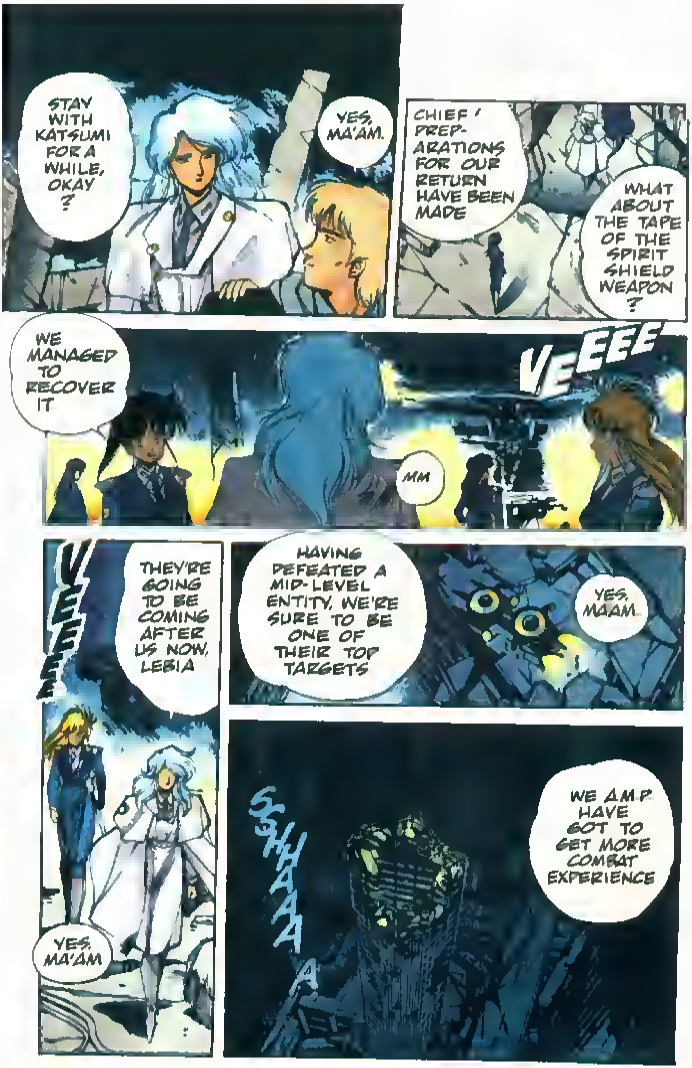
NU
AAA
KRAAK
UWAAH!!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

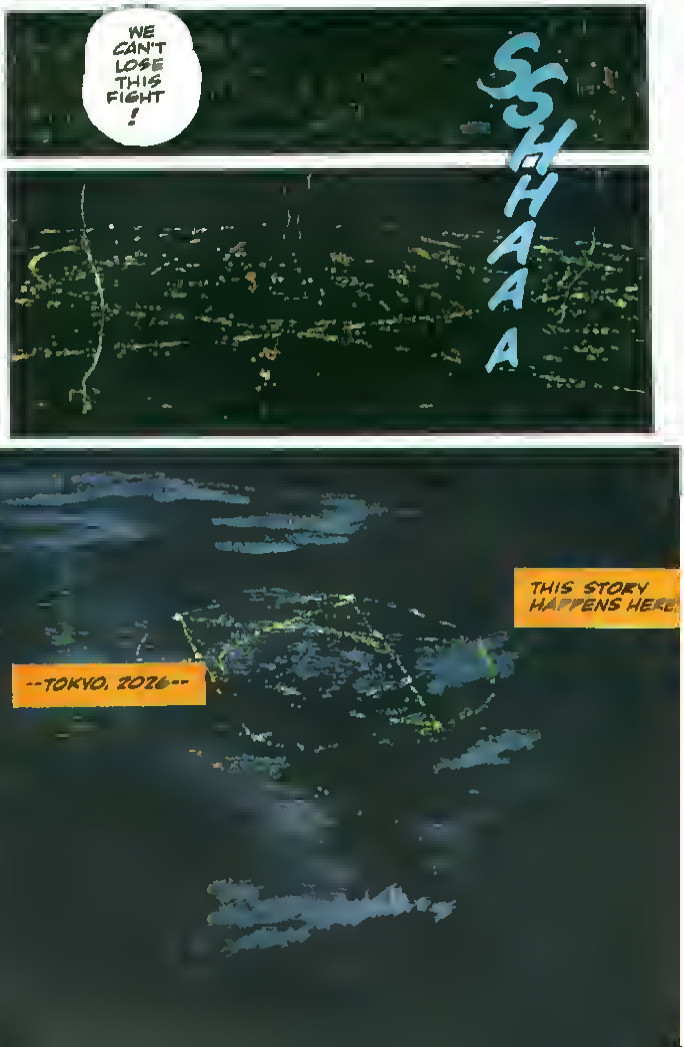

DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
KRAKOOM
ZZLTT
SHHHH


.....
SAHSS
KAT SUMI !
Ha Ha

VEEEEE
VEEE
WHEN I BECAME ONE WITH THE ENTITY, ITS THOUGHTS BECAME MY THOUGHTS I FOUND OUT WHAT IT WAS MY FATHER DID.
THE ONE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR LETTING THE ENTITIES INTO OUR WORLD AND TERRORIZING PEOPLE...
HYUUUUN
MY FATHER.. GIGELF LIQUEUR LED THE ENTITIES HERE
...WAS MY FATHER!
VVEEEE
BUT, WHY WOULD THE ENTITIES CONSIDER THAT A CRIME...?
AND WHAT DID IT MEAN BY "THE ACT COMMITTED TWENTY-NINE YEARS AGO"?
FSSHHH

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING CHIEF ?
I...
KATSUMI !!
KATSUMI !!
I WENT TO YOUR PLACE AFTER WORK AND IT WAS A MESS, SO I ASKED AT THE STATION AND
JEFF
HF!
HF!
ROY...
ROY !!
NEXT TIME.. THE NEXT TIME YOU'RE LATE.. I'LL LEAVE YOU!
I'M SORRY DON'T BE SO MAD AT ME, PLEASE..
.....
DUMMY


STAY WITH KATSUMI FOR A WHILE, OKAY ?
YES, MA'AM.
CHIEF ! PREP-ARATIONS FOR OUR RETURN HAVE BEEN MADE
WHAT ABOUT THE TAPE OF THE SPIRIT SHIELD WEAPON ?
WE MANAGED TO RECOVER IT
VEEEE
MM
VEEEE
THEY'RE GOING TO BE COMING AFTER US NOW, LEBIA
YES, MA'AM
HAVING DEFEATED A MID-LEVEL ENTITY, WE'RE SURE TO BE ONE OF THEIR TOP TARGETS
YES, MAAM.
SHAAA
WE AMP HAVE GOT TO GET MORE COMBAT EXPERIENCE


WE CAN'T LOSE THIS FIGHT!
SSHHAAA
THIS STORY HAPPENS HERE!
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DISGUSTING RAIN WHEN ON EARTH IS THIS RAIN GOING TO STOP?
SSHAAA

CHAPTER 02:
NAMI YAMIGUMO
PART I
DONG

SPLOOSH
SSHHAAA

SSHHAA

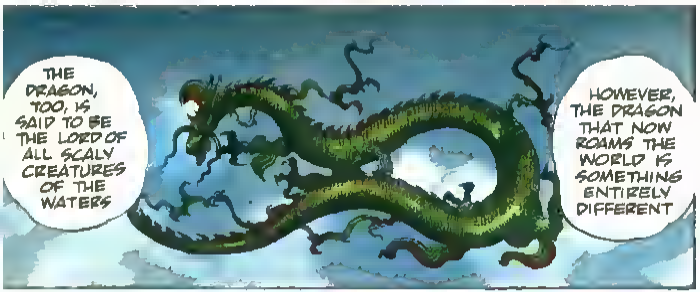
-SIGH-
ELDER SISTER..
NAMI... COME HERE
SSSHH
...THE RITUAL OF PURIFI-CATION ENDS WITH THE WASHING OF THE BODY WITH THIS SACRED SAKE
YES

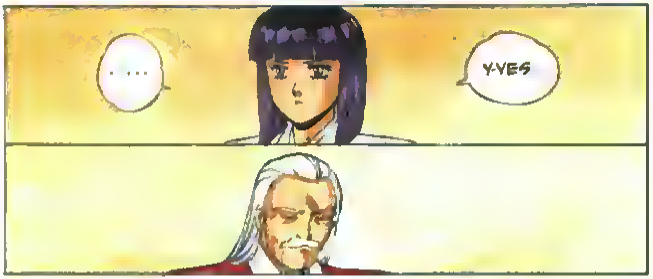
SPLASH
. . . .

NAMI
YES, IF YOU WOULD, OLDER BROTHER...
SHIK
FLOFF

IS THE RITUAL OF PURIFICATION FINISHED, NAMI ?
YES, SIR. IT WENT WELL.
MM..
LIFT YOUR FACE..
YES, SIR.

NAMI, YOU KNOW THE GO-REI, THE FIVE SPIRITS, DON'T YOU?
YES, SIR
THEY ARE THE KIRIN, THE DRAGON, THE TIGER, THE PHOENIX, AND THE TORTOISE, RIGHT?
MM—
THE KIRIN, CENTRAL AMONG THEM, IS CALLED JIN-JU, BEAST OF PERFECT VIRTUE.
THE KIRIN IS BOTH THE LORD OF ALL BEASTS—
—AND THE PINNACLE OF ALL LIVING CREATURES
WHEN IT RUNS, IT DOES NOT CRUSH LIVING INSECTS OR BEND A BLADE OF GRASS.
ON ITS HEAD IS A WEAPON, ITS HORN, YET IT DOES NO HARM WITH IT


THE DRAGON, TOO, IS SAID TO BE THE LORD OF ALL SCALY CREATURES OF THE WATERS
HOWEVER, THE DRAGON THAT NOW ROAMS THE WORLD IS SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT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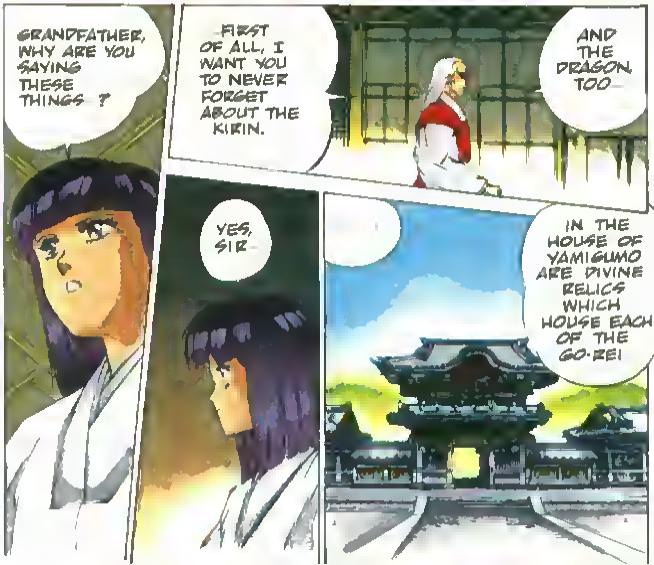
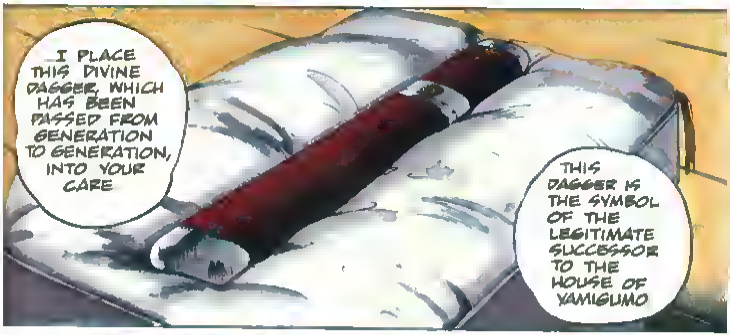
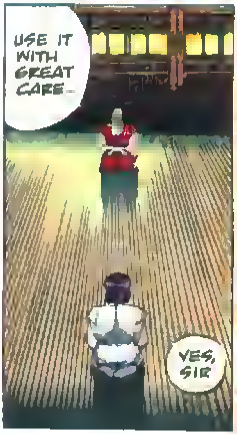
Y-YES

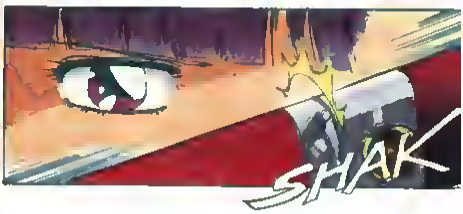

GRANDFATHER, WHY ARE YOU SAYING THESE THINGS ?
...FIRST OF ALL, I WANT YOU TO NEVER FORGET ABOUT THE KIRIN.
AND THE DRAGON, TOO—
YES, SIR—
IN THE HOUSE OF YAMIGUMO ARE DIVINE RELICS WHICH HOUSE EACH OF THE GO-ZEI

TODAY, YOU ARE EIGHTEEN..
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CUSTOM OF THE HOUSE OF YAMIGUMO..


I PLACE THIS DIVINE DAGGER, WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION, INTO YOUR CARE
THIS DAGGER IS THE SYMBOL OF THE LEGITIMATE SUCCESSOR TO THE HOUSE OF YAMIGUMO


USE IT WITH GREAT CARE..
YES, SIR

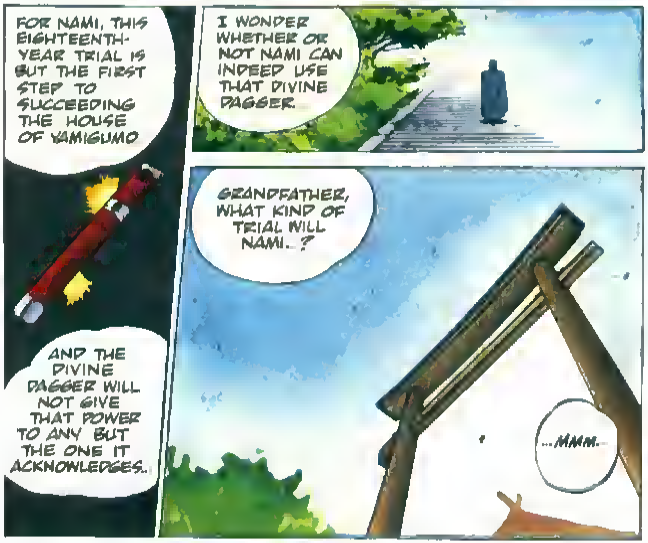
SHIK

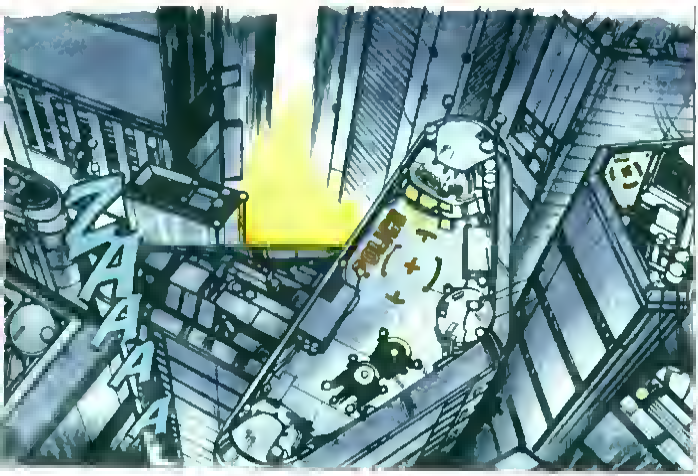

SHAK

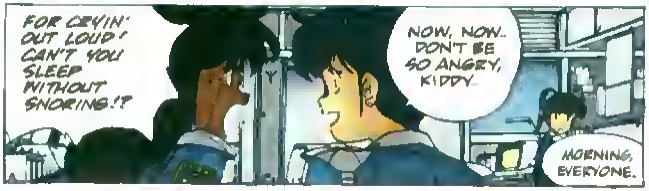
GRANDFATHER, DID YOU TELL NAMI ABOUT...?
OF COURSE I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING JUST AS I REMAINED SILENT WHEN YOU TWO HAD YOUR TURNS
WILL NAMI BE ALL RIGHT...?

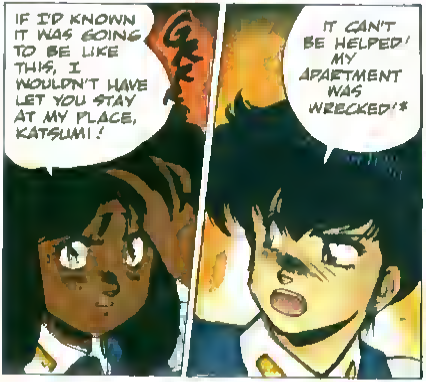
I DON'T KNOW EVEN THE BOTH OF YOU FAILED THE TRIAL AND HAD TO RELINQUISH YOUR SEAT AS HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD
BUT, IF SHE LOSES HER LIFE IN THIS, OUR CLAN DOESN'T NEED HER ANYWAY.

FROM ANCIENT TIMES, THE HOUSE OF YAMIGUMO HAS SUSTAINED THIS WORLD IN SECRET, MANAGING EVERY CEREMONY..
THE HEIR TO THE HOUSE MUST HAVE MANY TIMES THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND SPIRITUAL STRENGTH OF AN ORDINARY PERSON


FOR NAMI, THIS EIGHTEENTH-YEAR TRIAL IS BUT THE FIRST STEP TO SUCCEEDING THE HOUSE OF YAMIGUMO
I WONDER WHETHER OR NOT NAMI CAN INDEED USE THAT DIVINE DAGGER.
AND THE DIVINE DAGGER WILL NOT GIVE THAT POWER TO ANY BUT THE ONE IT ACKNOWLEDGES.
GRANDFATHER, WHAT KIND OF TRIAL WILL NAMI..?
...MMM...


ZAAAAA
SMILE


FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD! CAN'T YOU SLEEP WITHOUT SNORING!?
NOW, NOW. DON'T BE SO ANGRY, KIDDY.
MORNING, EVERYONE.

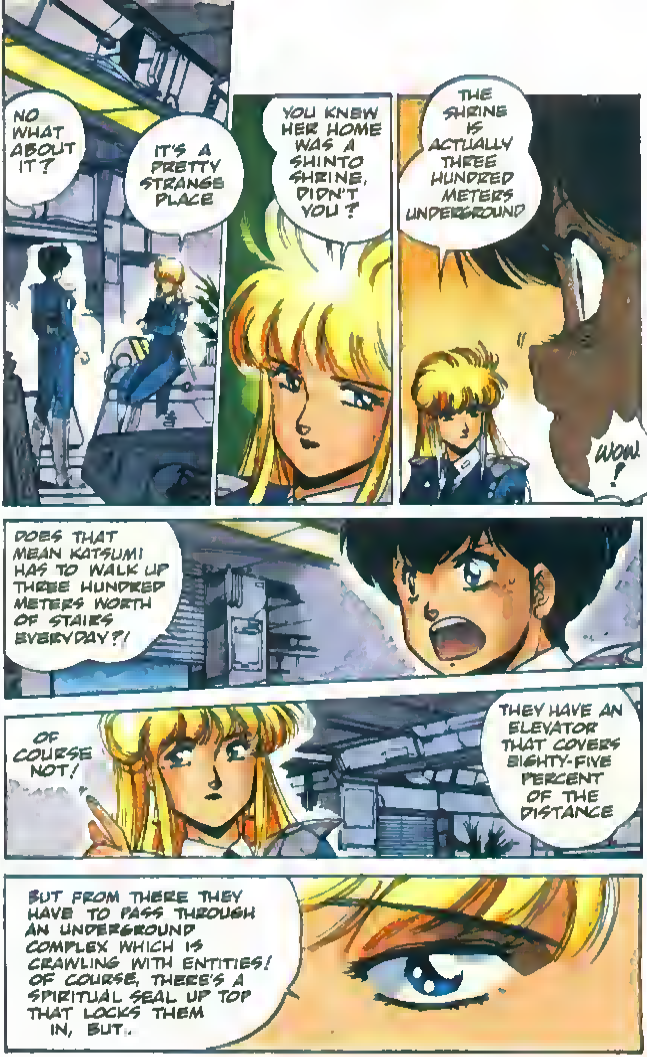

IF I'D KNOWN IT WAS GOING TO BE LIKE THIS, I WOULDN'T HAVE LET YOU STAY AT MY PLACE, KATSUMI!
GRR
IT CAN'T BE HELPED! MY APARTMENT WAS WRECKED!*

HEE HEE WHAT'S THE MATTER, KIDDY?
AH!
LISTEN TO THIS, LEBIA--

*SEE ISSUE 1

I PROMISED KATSUMI I'D LET HER STAY AT MY PLACE UNTIL SHE FINDS A NEW APARTMENT...
SNORKK!..
SHE MOVES AROUND IN HER SLEEP, SHE SNORES, SHE GRINDS HER TEETH. IT'S TERRIBLE!
WHAT? YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT, KIDDY?
SHE'S FAMOUS FOR IT!
EEAAHH!!
THAT'S WHY IT WAS SUCH A BIG DEAL WHEN SHE STARTED SEEING ROY!
AND THEY'RE STILL GOING OUT, WHICH IS TWICE AS SURPRISING!
ARRR
GRRRR
UM...
UH, KATSUMI...
I OUGHTA NAIL YOU WITH A GRAVITON!
HUH?... WHAT, YUKI?
UMM... YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T PAID HER SHARE.

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
AFTER WORK TODAY WE'RE GOING TO THROW A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR NAMI AT THE OKAZAKI BAR IN ASAGAYA.
THEY SAY THE OWNER OF THAT BAR USED TO BE A MANGA ARTIST
YEAH THAT'S RIGHT
HERE YOU GO
THANKS!
BUT NAMI ISN'T HERE, IS SHE?
NOPE SHE SAID SHE'D BE IN LATE TODAY
SOMETHING ABOUT HAVING BUSINESS AT HOME.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT IS.
SPEAKING OF NAMI, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO THAT GIRL'S HOUSE?
Hmpf--


NO WHAT ABOUT IT?
IT'S A PRETTY STRANGE PLACE
YOU KNEW HER HOME WAS A SHINTO SHRINE, DIDN'T YOU?
THE SHRINE IS ACTUALLY THREE HUNDRED METERS UNDERGROUND
WOW!
DOES THAT MEAN KATSUMI HAS TO WALK UP THREE HUNDRED METERS WORTH OF STAIRS EVERYDAY?!
OF COURSE NOT!
THEY HAVE AN ELEVATOR THAT COVERS EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE DISTANCE
BUT FROM THERE THEY HAVE TO PASS THROUGH AN UNDERGROUND COMPLEX WHICH IS CRAWLING WITH ENTITIES! OF COURSE, THERE'S A SPIRITUAL SEAL UP TOP THAT LOCKS THEM IN, BUT..

BUT IF THAT SEAL SHOULD COME OFF OR SOMETHING..
HEY! I THOUGHT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT KATSUMI'S SLEEP HABITS!
SOUNDS DANGEROUS. REALLY DANGEROUS.
TWEEEEEEEEEEET
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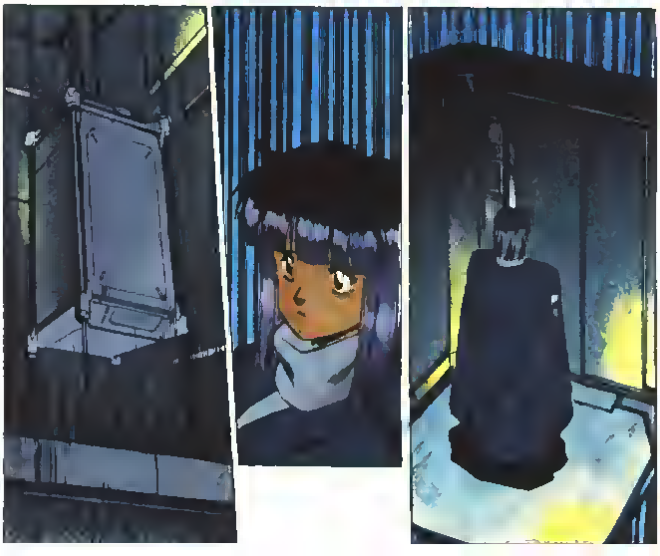
CHAPTER 02:

NAMI YAMIGUMO

PART 2

FASHHH
THE SEAL !?
YES.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU REMOVED THE GREAT TALISMAN
GRANDFATHER! THAT'S GOING TOO FAR!
MAYBE SO, BUT I WANT NAMI TO OVERCOME WHATEVER CHALLENGE IT MAY POSE
THAT IS THE REASON WHY, WHEN NAMI TURNED FIFTEEN, I HAD HER PUT IN THE CARE OF RALLY CHEYENNE IN THE A.M.F. TO DRAW OUT NAMI'S POWER AND MAKE IT STRONGER..

WHETHER THAT SUCCEEDED OR NOT...
WE WILL SOON DISCOVER IF NAMI HAS THE POWER TO BE THE LEGITIMATE SUCCESSOR TO THE HOUSE OF YAMIGUMO.
DONNG



VVVNNN
SFI 05
SSSHHH.
GRAAH!!

CHOMP!
EEAAH!
NO!
THE SEAL CAN'T BE BROKEN!
WHA--
WHA--

IT CAN'T BE THE SEAL..
JUST AS I THOUGHT!
SKRAA
WHO ON EARTH WOULD HAVE--
YAH!
SPLOOSH
FWOOSH
SSSHHH

FSSSH
THE SACRED WATER WORKED BUT I CAN ONLY USE IT THREE OR FOUR MORE TIMES
SOMEHOW I'VE GOT TO GET THROUGH THIS DUNGEON AND OUT TO THE SURFACE
THIS PLACE IS THE DEN OF LOW-LEVEL ENTITIES...
BUT, EVEN IF THEY ARE LOW-LEVEL, THERE'S ONLY ONE OF ME AND LOTS OF THEM.
REALLY
WHO REMOVED THE SEAL!?
AAH!!
THAP
NO! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
RMBBLL

WHA...
GRYAAAAAA
DRAGON
AH HEH HEH...
THIS IS JUST LIKE...
A COMPUTER ROLE PLAYING GAME...

FOOSH
!!
FAWOOSH
FSSH

SSSH
IF IT WEEENT FOR MY CAPE, I'D HAVE BEEN FRIED TO A CRISP!
THUD
FOOM
THE REST OF MY SACRED WATER
SHOOM
YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL!
KEESH
FSSSH
.....
REE AASH!!

NO GOOD!!
FWOOSH
MAYBE I CAN OUTRUN THE DRAGON--
VOOM
I FEEL LIKE IVE BEEN RUNNING AROUND IN CIRCLES.
THE STAIRS! NOW I CAN GET OUT OF HERE!

!!
NO GOOD! IT'S BLOCKED!
NOW WHAT..?
THUMP THUMP
JEWEL BEETLES DISGUSTING!
FLIK

SSSH
DAMN
KFOOM
KABLAAM
REEYAAH
UH OH..

SSSHHH
FWOOSH
.....
FSSSHHH
SQUEE
SQUEE
ARGG
AHH!

ANOTHER DEAD END!
..NO CHOICE LEFT IF I DON'T KILL THIS THING
..I'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE
O SACRED BEASTS WHO GUARD THE FOUR DIRECTIONS.. GRANT ME POWER AND FIGHT BY MY SIDE
SHOOM
NNGG

UNNGH
UH
WHAT!? I CAN'T DRAW THE SACRED DAGGER!
FZZT
FZZKT
FZZT
IT'S CALLING ON LIGHTNING POWERS!
KZZZT

ZZZZTT
KRAKOOM
WZZTTT
REAH!!
WHOOM
AAH!
KZZT
ZZT
ZZT

ZZ ZZ KZZ
ZZZ AT
ZZ T
.....
THAT WAS STUPID OF ME... TO LET MYSELF GET ENVELOPED IN THAT ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE
I WONDER IF THAT DRAGON DIED AFTER THAT.
OR ELSE
UH... CANT... PASSING OUT..

BOMP
BOMP
UHH...
OH...
BOMP
Uff
Uff
Uff

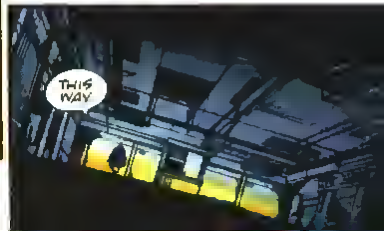
NANA...
ELDER SISTER NANA...
NANA! WHAT HAPPENED!?
UU...
NA..
NAMI...
YOU'RE BLEEDING! YOU'RE REALLY BLEEDING A LOT!
NANA! SISTER NANA!
NAMI... I... FAILED..
I'M... NOT QUALIFIED TO SUCCEED THIS HOUSE..
.....
YOU'RE... NEXT, NAMI..

NAMI... GO BACK TO THE HOUSE...
HURRY ALONG NOW...
GRANDFATHER BROTHER...
NOW THEN... COME ALONG NAMI...
BUT MY SISTER! SHE'S--
NANA... IT LOOKS LIKE YOU FAILED
YES... GRANDFATHER...
NOW THERE'S ONLY NAMI LEFT, EH...?
I... RETURN THIS...
YES.

--AH!
I REMEMBER NOW!
THIS IS A TEST A TEST OF THE SUCCESSOR TO THE HOUSE OF YAMIGUMO SO IT WAS GRANDFATHER WHO REMOVED THE SEAL

NOW THAT I KNOW... LET'S THINK THIS THROUGH A LITTLE MORE CALMLY
THUD
THUD

RIGHT! LET'S GO BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED
EVEN WITHOUT THE SEAL, THE PATH TO THE SURFACE IS THE SAME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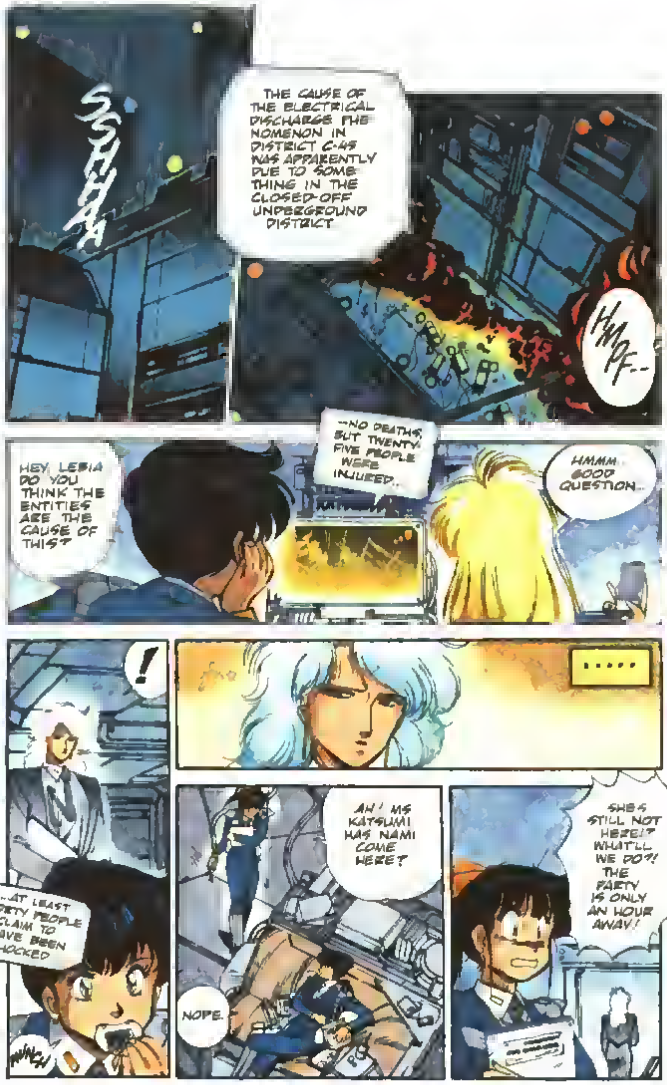

SSHHH
THE CAUSE OF THE ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE PHENOMENON IN DISTRICT C-45 WAS APPARENTLY DUE TO SOMETHING IN THE CLOSED-OFF UNDERGROUND DISTRICT.
HMPF--
HEY, LEBIA DO YOU THINK THE ENTITIES ARE THE CAUSE OF THIS?
--NO DEATHS, BUT TWENTY-FIVE PEOPLE WERE INJURED..
HMMM... GOOD QUESTION..
!
..AT LEAST FORTY PEOPLE CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN SHOCKED
PANIC!
.....
AH! MS KATSUMI HAS NAMI COME HERE?
NOPE.
SHE'S STILL NOT HERE!? WHAT'LL WE DO?! THE FAIRY IS ONLY AN HOUR AWAY!

THAK
JUST ONE MORE FLOOR TO THE SURFACE
SSSSHH
hff
SHUMP
I'M EXHAUSTED TO THINK THE PATH TO THE SUEFACE...
IS SO LONG
I FEEL SICK.
HEAD'S POUNDING.
SHIK
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT DRAGON DID I REALLY KILL IT?

COULDN'T BE—
HA.
MMM..
THANK GOODNESS THERE'S NOTHING HERE
ONCE I TURN THERE AND CLIMB THE STEPS.

TAK TAK TAK
SCRK
UGH!
SCRK
SCRK
SCRK
WHAT?! WHY ARE THERE SO MANY BEETLES HERE?
SCRK
SCRK
SCRK
!!
KDOOM

WHOOM
GKYAAH
SO IT WAS LYING IN WAIT
WUH!
THWAKK
FWOOSH

AAH! FIRE AGAIN!
FWOOM
!
.....
SQUEE
SQUEE
SQUEE
SQUEE
SQUEE
hee hee

KRAKOOOM
WAH!
ZAAT
SQUEE SQUEE
FOOM
COME ON YOU BASTARD! OVER HERE!
FWOOSH

UH!
KAFOOM
THAT WAS CLOSE
REE AA HH!
SHOOM
WUHH..
HUKK
THOOM
UHNN!
SSSHHL
KRAMBB

KOFF
KOFF
YOU THINK I'LL LET YOU KILL ME THAT EASILY?!
FAP
UHH!
DOOSH
KZZZT

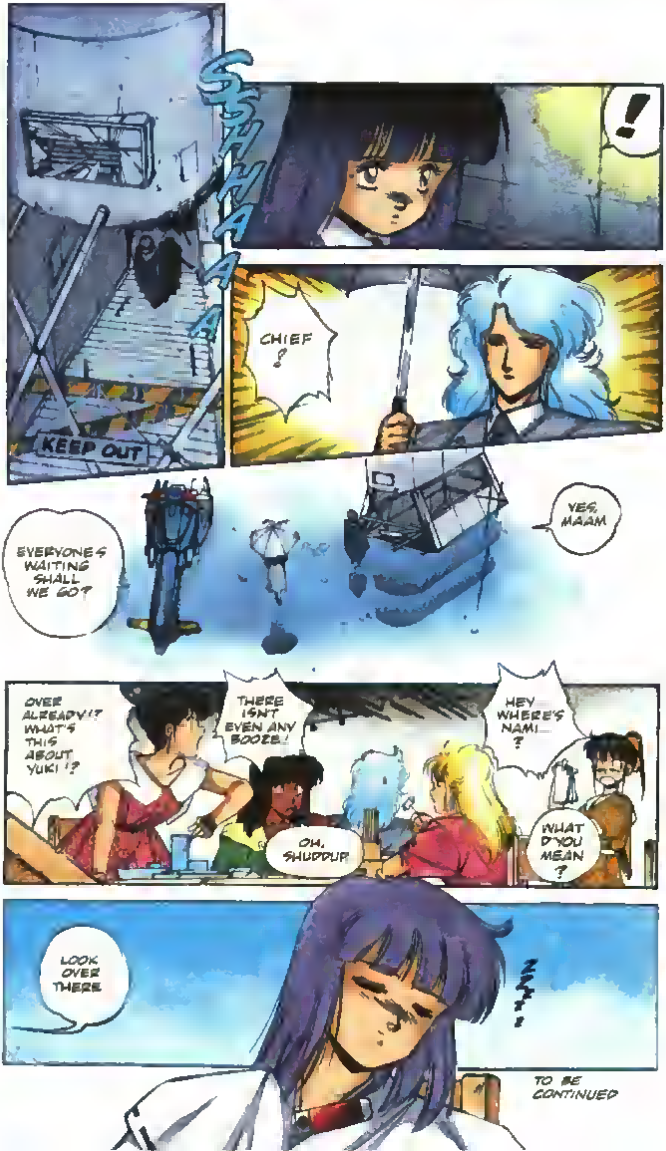
EEAH!
KRAKOOM
SSSHH
ROOOO
UHNN
ONE MORE TIME...
SHOOM
SACRED BEASTS WHO GUARD THE FOUR DIRECTIONS! GRANT ME POWER!

I DREW IT!
EEAAH!
ROOO
!?
KI--

KIRIN!
FOOOM
KATHOOM
!!
WHAT?

HM!
THE KIRIN OF THE DIVINE DAGGER HAS RECOGNIZED NAMI
I'M BEING FILLED WITH POWER! I CAN FEEL IT CHANNELING FROM THE DAGGER INTO MY ENTIRE BODY!
THE POWER OF THE KIRIN IS WITH ME!
AROOOO
NOW--I CAN DEFEAT THE DRAGON!

SHUKK
THE DAGGER'S POWER...
IT SPLIT THE AIR...
KRLOK
GRANDFATHER, I DID IT
Sigh...


SHHAAA
KEEP OUT
!
CHIEF ?
YES, MAAM
EVERYONE'S WAITING SHALL WE GO?
OVER ALREADY!? WHAT'S THIS ABOUT YUKI!?
THERE ISN'T EVEN ANY BOOZE!
OH, SHUDDUP
HEY WHERE'S NAMI...?
WHAT D'YOU MEAN?
LOOK OVER THERE
ZZZT!!
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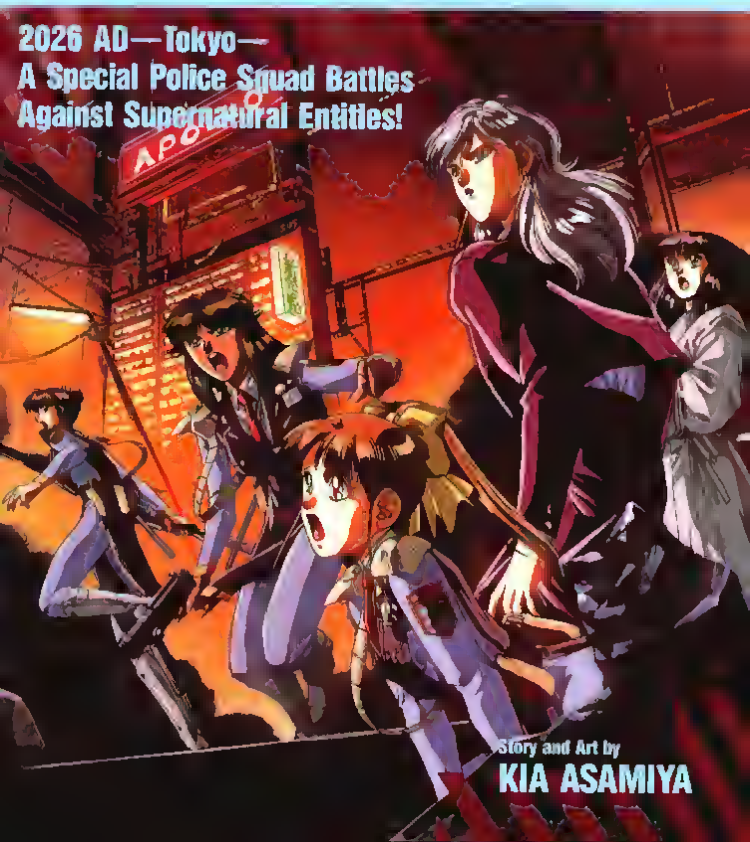

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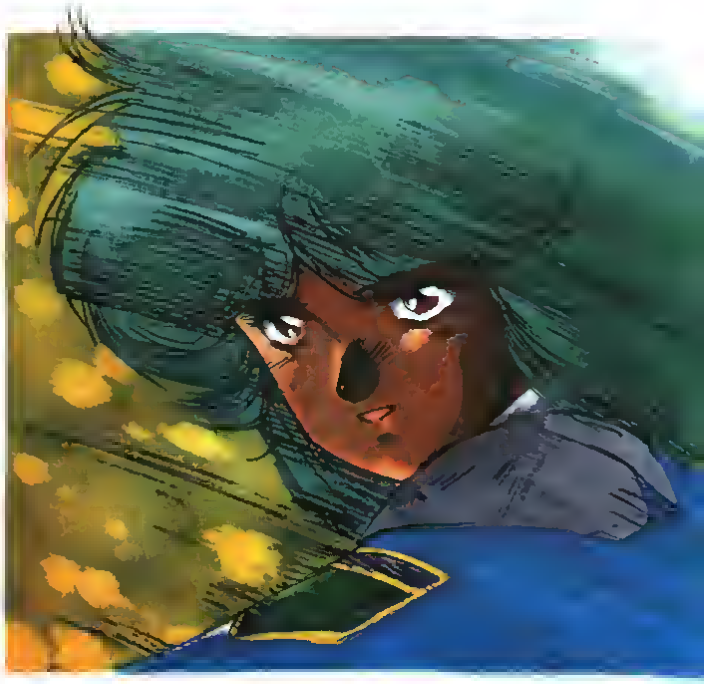
Kiddy Phenil

PART 1



WUU
WUU
FFH
HFF
!

UWAAA
AAOW
!!
THUD
UH...
UHM...
WUU
AUU...

AAAHHHH!!
OH NO
OUCH!...
WHAT THE HELL, KIDDY...?

.....
sniff
sniff
Uh-hunn huh, huh
KIDDY... WHAT'S WRONG?
sniff
sniff
sniff
sniff
sniff
WHAT THE...
POUF!
HM?
HM..

NNAAAH!
>sniff<
>sniff<
ASAHI BEER
AAGGH!

JEEZ WHY AM I HAVING THAT DREAM AGAIN ?
I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE WORKED IT OUT IN THERAPY
BUT MY BODY REMEMBERS.. AND WON'T FORGET..
SSHHAAA
SSHHAAA
NNN!

THIS BODY !!
FWAKK
KATSUMI! HURRY UP AND TAKE A SHOWER!
YOU NEED IT!
dip
dip
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KEPT ME TOSSING AND TURNING LAST NIGHT!
HEH HEH.. SORRY
GRR--
YOU'RE NUTS!
SHE BROKE THE CONTROLS

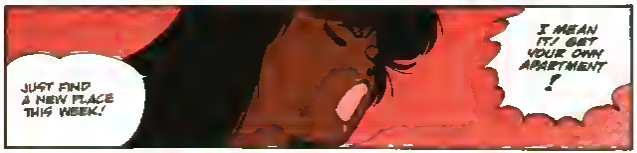
KATSUMI, WILL YOU PLEASE HURRY UP AND FIND YOUR OWN PLACE?
I HAVEN'T HAD TIME...
LIAR!
[illegible] ACTIVITY HAS BEEN SO SLOW LATELY, WE'VE HAD NOTHING BUT TIME ON OUR HANDS.
NO! ENTITIES ASIDE WE'RE SWAMPED WITH CASES!
GIVE ME A BREAK!

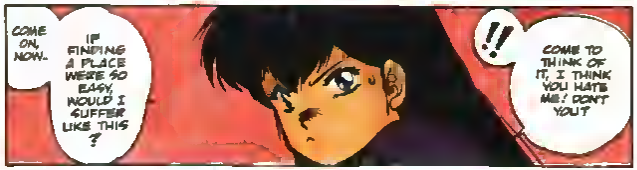
WHAT ABOUT THE HUMANOID UPRISING A LONG TIME AGO IN L.A.?
WAA HA HA-- WHAT ABOUT IT?

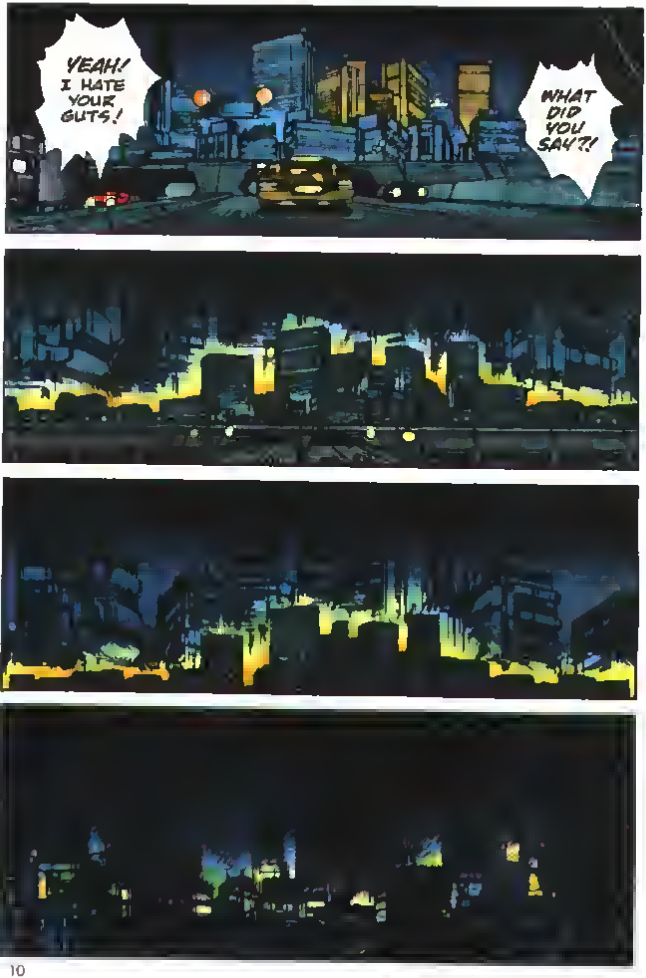
I, I MEAN THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN HERE IN TOKYO DON'T YOU THINK?
OH HIT ME...
.....

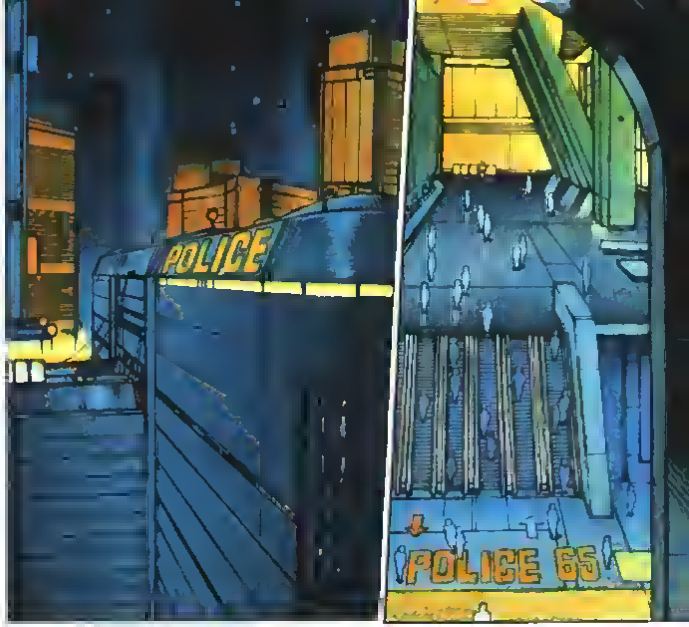
THAT KIND OF THING'S BEEN GOING ON AWHILE
YEAH QUITE A WHILE...

OH..
HOW DO YOU KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE THROUGH ALL THAT B.S.?
AHA HA HA!
.....


JUST FIND A NEW PLACE THIS WEEK!
I MEAN IT! GET YOUR OWN APARTMENT!


COME ON, NOW..
IF FINDING A PLACE WERE SO EASY, WOULD I SUFFER LIKE THIS?
!!
COME TO THINK OF IT, I THINK YOU HATE ME! DON'T YOU?

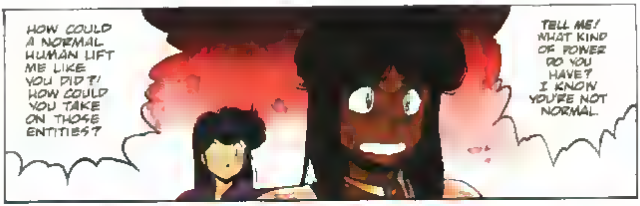

YEAH! I HATE YOUR GUTS!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!


POLICE
POLICE 65

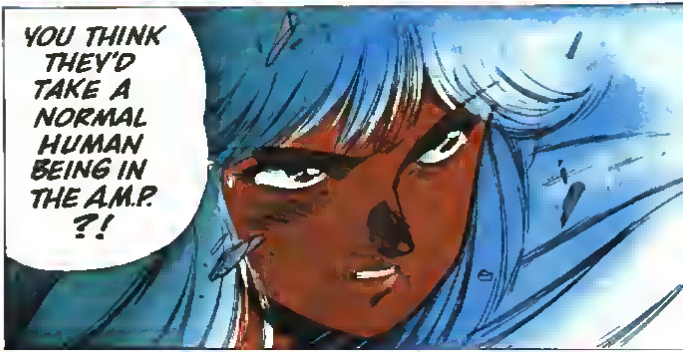
HMM !
WHAT'S UP ?

SO YOU'VE COME...

HEY, DON'T I KNOW YOU FROM SOMEWHERE?
.....
OH..YOU'RE THE DETECTIVE I LIFTED IN THE AIR DURING THAT ENTITY CASE A FEW WEEKS BACK
HMM
THAT'S RIGHT THE NAME'S RALPH BOMAR OF METRO SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD
AND WHAT MIGHT YOUR BUSINESS BE EH? MET GRADE YOU NOT FOR KATSUMI?
AHEM- EVER SINCE A.M.P CLEANED OUT THE MID LEVEL ENTITIES OR WHATEVER THEY'RE CALLED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVEN'T BEEN ATTACKED I CAME TO THANK YOU
NO! WRONG! IT'S YOU! YOU!
EVER SINCE THAT INCIDENT MY MEN HAVE BEEN CALLING ME A WIMP BEHIND MY BACK ALL BECAUSE I WAS TOSSED AROUND BY A WOMAN!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
HEH- THEY'RE RIGHT


HOW COULD A NORMAL HUMAN LIFT ME LIKE YOU DID?! HOW COULD YOU TAKE ON THOSE ENTITIES?
TELL ME! WHAT KIND OF POWER DO YOU HAVE? I KNOW YOU'RE NOT NORMAL.

KA-THOOM
. . . . .

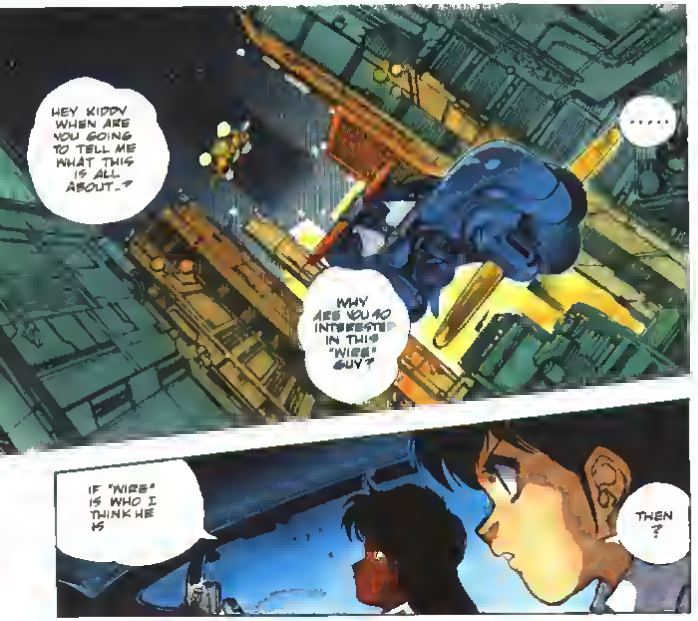

YOU THINK THEY'D TAKE A NORMAL HUMAN BEING IN THE A.M.P. ?!

Gulp!
I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN!
Tch!
AS A MAN, YOU FALL INTO THE LOWEST CATEGORY.
...WHAT--!?
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO DELIVER THAT INFANTILE SPEECH.
WH WHAT DID YOU SAY..?
OR COULD IT BE...
ANYONE WOULD GET MAD AT YOU AFTER THAT!
...YOU CAN'T GET HER OFF YOUR MIND.
THAT'S CRAZY!

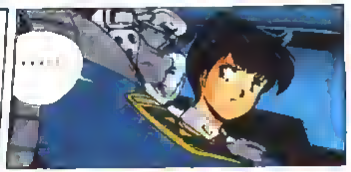
I HIT THE MARK, DIDN'T I?
WOULD YOU JUST--
BEEP BEEP
! RALPH HERE
YEAH. DISTRICT B 39
MM.
HMPF.. A MURDER EH ?
RIGHT I'M ON MY WAY
TOUGH WORK AHEAD HUH?
YEAH WE'VE FINALLY CORNERED A GUY WE'VE HAD AN APB ON FOR SOME TIME
YOU EVER HEAR OF THE ALIAS "NINE" ?
YOU MEAN THE KILLER THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT ON TV THE OTHER DAY? THE ONE WHO CUTS PEOPLE UP WITH MONOFILAMENT? I HEAR HE'S ESCAPED YOU GUYS FIFTEEN TIMES
WATCH! THIS TIME WE'LL GET HIM!
THAT SLIME WON'T GOING TO BE MAKING ANY MORE HUMAN FILETS.

TAK
DO YOU SUPPOSE I COULD HEAR ABOUT THIS "WIRE" THING IN MORE DETAIL?
!
KIDDY!
WELL, CAN I?
HEY, KIDDY! WAIT UP!
LEBIA! TELL KALLY! UNTIL THIS CASE IS OVER I WON'T BE AN ACTIVE A.M.P OFFICER
HEY.. NOW, WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO

...!!!
DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU!
KIDDY ! WAIT !
KIDDY !
VEEEEEEE
OH BOY...
THUK


HEY KIDDY WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT-?
WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED IN THIS "NIES" GUY?
.....
IF "NIES" IS WHO I THINK HE IS
THEN ?

I CAN'T LET A COP FROM METRO KILL HIM
THE ONE WHO'LL CRUSH THAT FREAK IS ME!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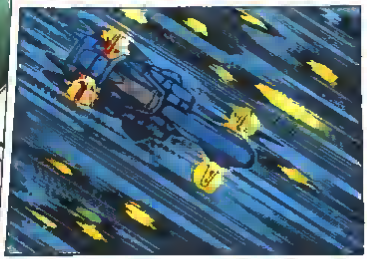


WABOOM!!
D-DAMN...
EVERYONE ELSE.. M-
SCHHHH
!!
DAMN! WHAT IS THIS? HOW COULD HE... WIPE OUT A S.W.A.T. TEAM SO EASILY...
HE CAN'T BE HUMAN
!!
FWOO

YOU BASTARD... YO-YOU'RE UNDER AR...REST...
hur hur hur
FWSH
!!

UGYAAAA!!
hur hur hur..
I'VE FOUND HIM! I'VE FOUND HIM, KATSUMI
IT'S HIM.. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. IT'S HIM..
SLICING UP EVERYTHING IN HIS WAY WITH A MONOFILAMENT BUILT INTO HIS HAND
KIDDY..
AH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH..

YAH HAH HAH HAH! DELICIOUS! ISN'T THIS DELICIOUS !?
I'M GOING TO BE THE ONE TO DELETE HIM! ME! KIDDY PHENIL!!

HEH...
AH!

KIDDY!
WA-

!!
GA DUMP
AH! THAT WAS CLOSE
GA DUMP
-IT!!
KIDDY...

WAHOOM
!!
SHHUUUU
YOO-HOO!

MM.
'WIRE' HUH...?
THAT'S A LAUGH THE IMAGE FITS ALMOST TOO WELL, DOESN'T IT?
I KNEW IT WAS YOU RIGHT AWAY!
GODDAMN *MEGADYNE! WANTED NUMBER 2035618!
I WAITED FOR THIS DAY... FOR YEARS...
THAP
FOOM

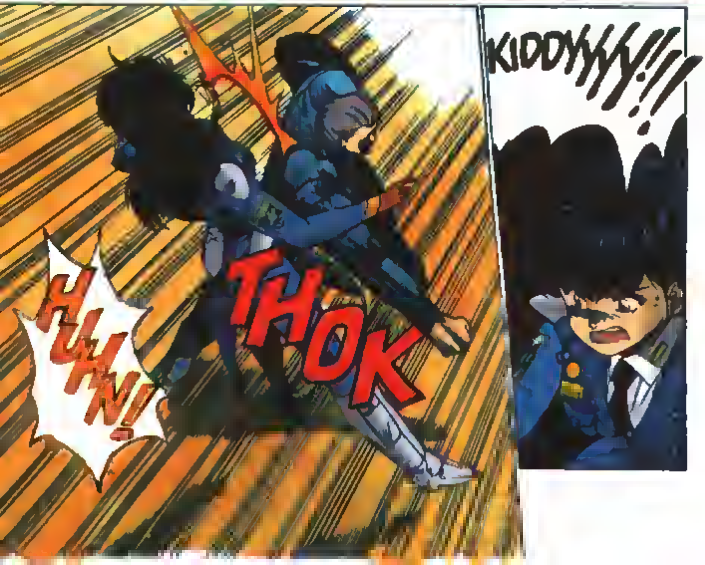
*MEGADYNE: ARTIFICIAL HUMANOID SUPERIOR TO HUMANS IN STRENGTH AND AGILITY USED FOR LABOR AND COMBAT PURPOSES.

SHOOM
KRAKK
!
Uhhh!
SWISH

SHIP
HH!
THOOM
!!
UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU --
SHK
SHOOSH
MY BODY'S NOT LIKE IT USED TO BE!
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN CUT ME WITH WIRE LIKE THIS--
UU!
UU!

YOU ARE SERIOUSLY MISTAKEN !!
THWAKK
WUMP
HAH !
SHIK
IT WAS A LONG TIME... AND NOW MY SUFFERING IS FINALLY
KIDDY!
HM?

KIDDY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
KATSUMI!
KEK
NDAA-?


KIDDYYYY!!!
THOK
HUHN!

WAH!!
KACHUDD
DAMN!
KIDDY!
FAOOM!
VEEEEE

WHAMM
CRK CRK
SCRRKK
IMPOSSIBLE
!!
CHAK
!!
FASHOOM
!
SCRRKKKK

WAK OOM
BADOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

I DID IT...?
KATSUMI
!
KIDDY AH
YOU... GOT IN MY DAMN WAY.
KIDDY !
WHUMP
UG NN MY RIGHT ARM ISN'T WORKING A AGAIN
I KILLED WIRE, KIDDY

UH UNTIL WE FIND HIS PARTS...
AMP
WE WON'T KNOW...
KIDDY...
WEEE
WEEE
HEY, WHAT ABOUT THE DETECTIVE...?
WEEE
WEEE
HE'S OVER THERE, UNCONSCIOUS DON'T WORRY, HE'S JUST GOT A LIGHT CUT ON HIS HAND...
NO KIDDING!
PHEW...
UH, KIDDY...
HEH, HEH, KATSUMI LOOK AT THE SPINNER LEBIA'S GOING TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN SHE SEES IT
YEAH...

MY... SPINNERRRR...
.....
HOLD IT...!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT BY YOURSELF?
NOW THEN I GUESS I'LL HAVE THIS BODY FIXED, TOO
OF COURSE SHE'S NOT
KA KATSUMI
OH, KIDDY..

!
HE'S NOT DEAD ?!
THERE'S A STRONG POSSIBILITY
IT SEEMS THERE WEREN'T ANY MEGADYNE PARTS IN THE REMAINS OF THE EXPLOSION.
BUT THAT'S
HMMM
KATSUMI DON'T TELL KIDDY
AH YES, MA'AM
WELL IT'S AN OLD MODEL IT'LL DIE IN DUE TIME
BUT
I GUESS IT'S BETTER FOR KIDDY THIS WAY HUH?

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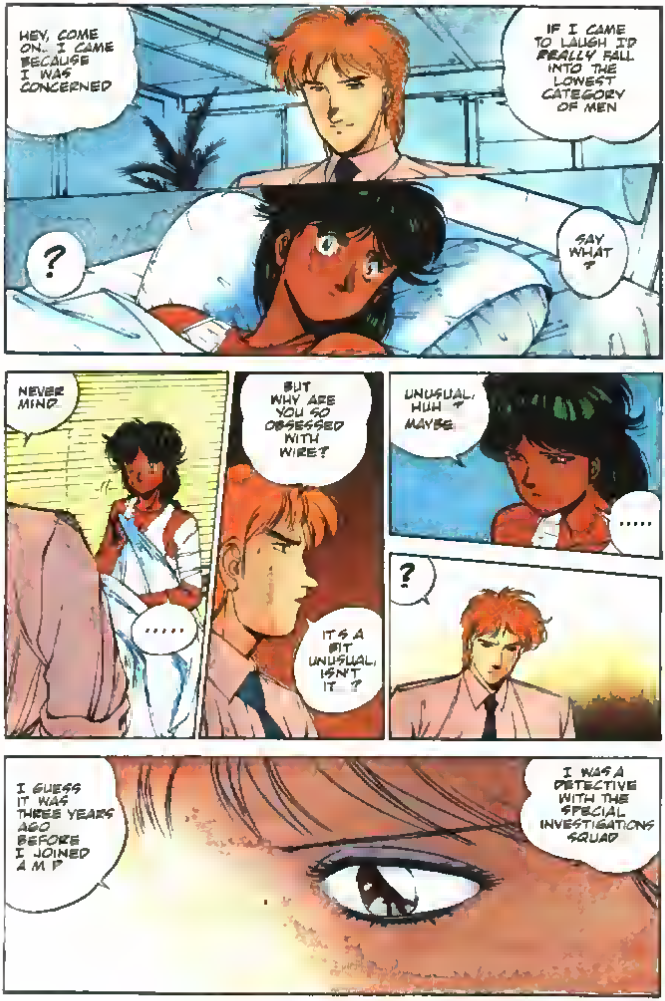
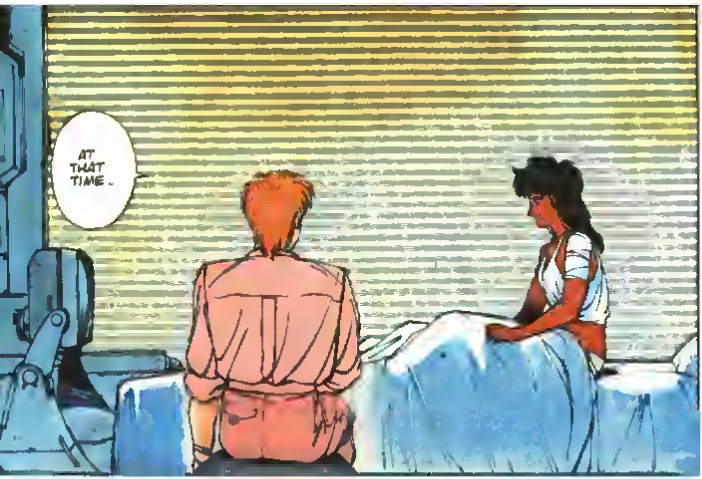
NO VISITORS ALLOWED YOU KNOW..
I DIDN'T SEE THE SIGN IF THERE WAS ONE
HOW'RE YOU FEELING? CAN YOU MOVE YET?
Hmpf
I STILL CAN'T MOVE FREELY
DID YOU COME TO LAUGH AT ME? FOR LOSING TO WIRE?


HEY, COME ON. I CAME BECAUSE I WAS CONCERNED
IF I CAME TO LAUGH I'D REALLY FALL INTO THE LOWEST CATEGORY OF MEN
?
SAY WHAT ?
NEVER MIND
.....
BUT WHY ARE YOU SO OBSESSED WITH WIRE?
IT'S A BIT UNUSUAL, ISN'T IT ?
UNUSUAL, HUH ? MAYBE
.....
?
I GUESS IT WAS THREE YEARS AGO BEFORE I JOINED A M P
I WAS A DETECTIVE WITH THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD

SEVERAL OF US HAD CORNERED NUMBER 2035618
WIRE...
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE LEFT OF THE MEGADYNES WHO HAD INVADED TOKYO.
!
THAP
FREEZE!
!!

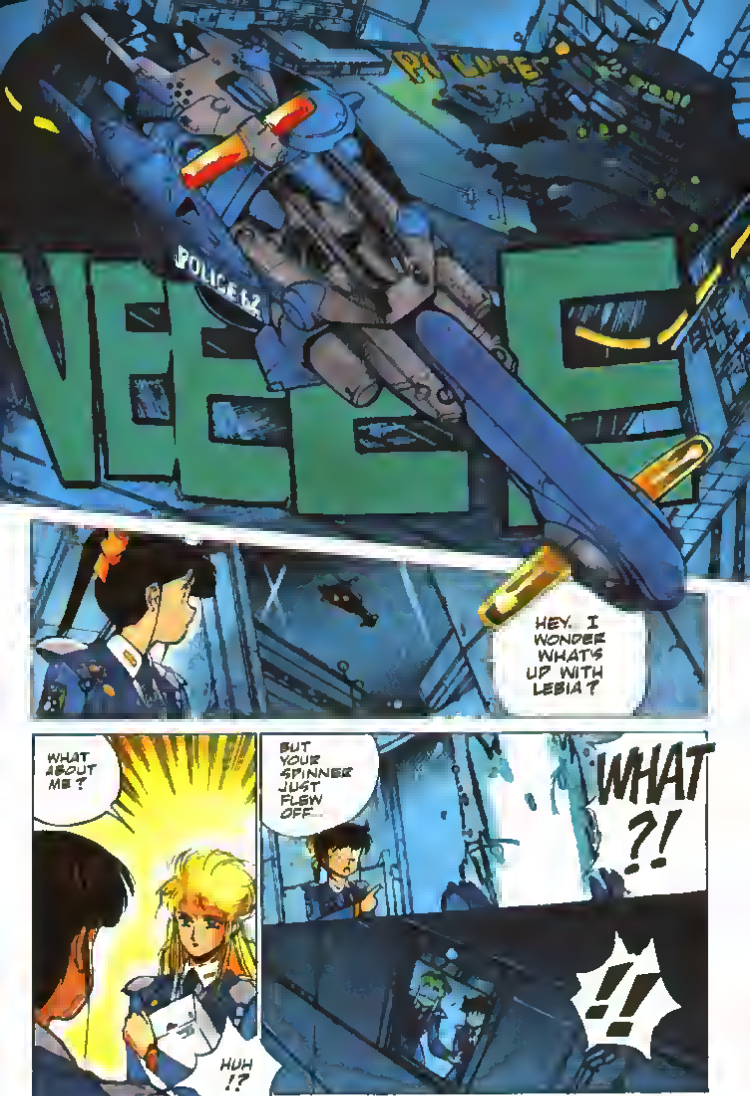
--BUT... WHAT I SAW..
...WAS MY PARTNERS, ALL DISMEMBERED...
HE STOOD THERE. LAUGHING IN A SEA OF BLOOD..
HOLDING A WIRE IN HIS HAND..
AND THEN IT WAS MY TURN---


AT THAT TIME..

I DIED ONCE

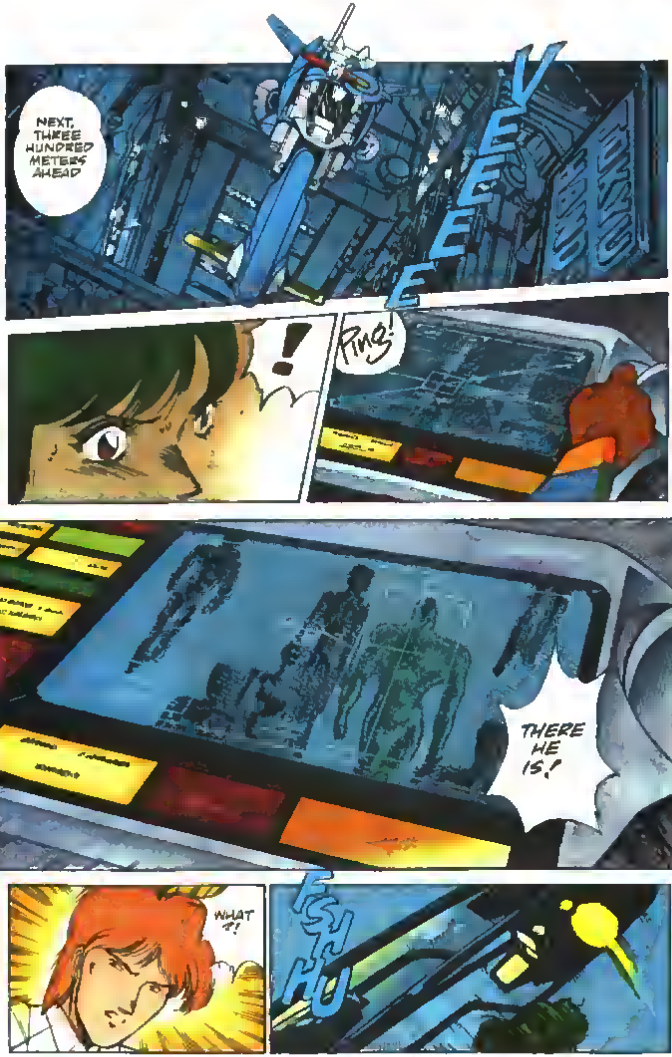
I REALLY WANTED TO TAKE HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS AND.. BUT I GUESS THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. HE'S ALREADY..
PUMP

NO..
HE'S ALIVE
!!


POLICE 62
HEY.. I WONDER WHAT'S UP WITH LEBIA?
WHAT ABOUT ME?
HUH !?
BUT YOUR SPINNER JUST FLEW OFF...
WHAT ?!
!!

I GUESS YOU'VE GOT SOME IDEA WHERE MIKE IS RIGHT?
WELL YEAH.. BUT IT'LL BE HARD TO FIND HIM, Y'KNOW.
RAMEN Noodle SOUP
USING THIS SPINNER'S SENSORS, WE'LL TRACK HIM.
LIKE THAT!
VEEOOO
COMPUTER
EXT
AFTER ALL, HE'S DIFFERENT FROM A HUMAN BEING, RIGHT?
HE'S DIFFERENT--
HMMM-- NOT HERE, EH?
NEXT, THREE HUNDRED METERS TO THE RIGHT
OKAY--

HEY! THEY SAID KIDDY'S SNUCK OUT OF HER HOSPITAL ROOM!
THAT'S RIGHT USING MY SPINNER!
SNIFF SNIFF
AMPO
SO. THAT MEANS SHE'S GONE AFTER WIRE
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CALL HER BUT THERE'S BEEN NO ANSWER
BUT HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE SHE HEARD WIRE WAS STILL ALIVE?
GOOD QUESTION.
ANYWAY, I JUST HOPE SHE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY


NEXT, THREE HUNDRED METERS AHEAD
VEEEE
!
PING!
THERE HE IS!
WHAT?!
FSHU

HE-HEY!
!
WHUD
WIRE!!
THIS TIME I'LL FINISH YOU OFF—
FOR GOOD!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY !?
ALL MEGADYNES ARE BUILT FOR A PURPOSE WHAT'S YOURS?
WHY?! WHY DO YOU KILL PEOPLE ?!
WHY DO YOU SPEND YOUR ENTIRE LIFE DOING NOTHING BUT MURDER?!
BECAUSE MURDER IS MY PURPOSE !
BECAUSE IT'S WHAT I WAS MADE FOR
!!
YOU BASTARD !
FFF

GKK-
FAP
GUH!
D-DAMN!
AAH!
FOOM

THWAKK
Huff--
BAR
VITAMIN-C
UH... UNNN.
AH--
LOOKS LIKE... NN... MY BODY'S NOT IN PERFECT CONDITION YET.
VAAH!
SHUK
VRREEE

H-HOLD IT!
THUMP
EEEE
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY ?!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME, MONSTER!
SHNGG

SHOOOM
KZZH!
FOOSH
THAK
UMM
HEH!

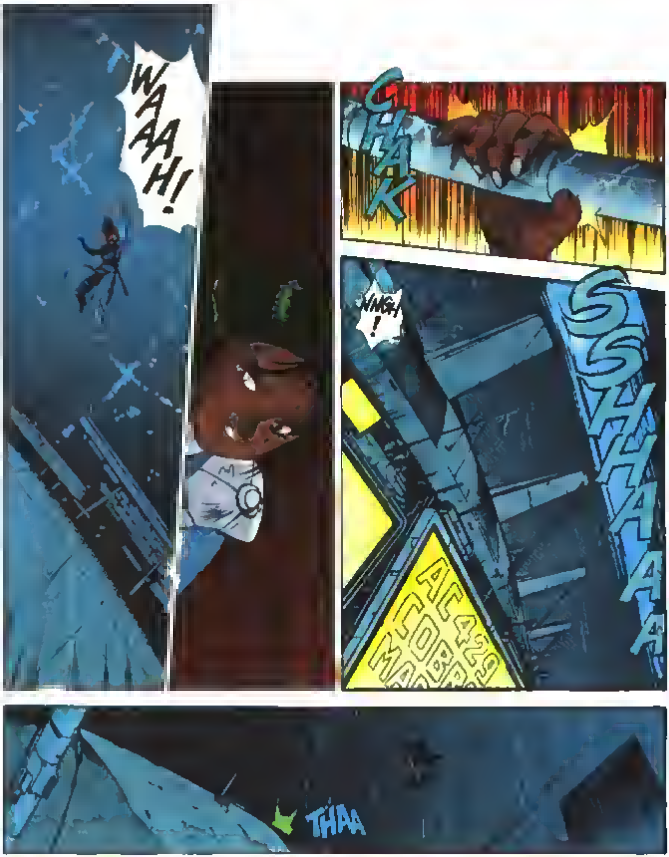
KEESH!
STEP OUTSIDE!
SHRAK
KRK
KIDDY! LOOK OUT!
HUH?
TAP
TAP
WOOM
COLD ME INE

THWAKK
KIDDY!
Ah... Uhh...
SSHH
!!
WIRE...
SSHH
NOT HERE WHERE IS HE?
HYUUUU
SSHH
Uhhh

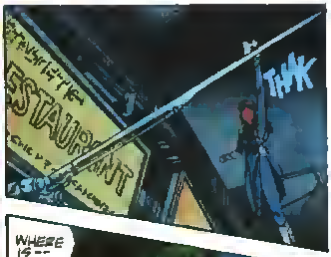
HYUUUU
SHH
KH
HEH. SO THIS IS WHERE IT ALL GOES DOWN. ON THE BACK OF A FLYING BILLBOARD
.....
Ptt
Ptt

PING!
TAKA TAKA TAKA
WELL YUKI..?
JUST A SEC. I'M ACCESSING THE MAINFRAME AT NAGATA HEAVY INDUSTRIES
MEGADYNE MODEL CO-201. SO. HERE IS ONE GENERATION BACK
HM. LIFESPAN CAN'T BE EXTENDED, SO IT JUST MAY BE THAT..
HERE IT IS!
WHY THIS..

THUD
Nmgh!
SHHAA
UH!
SHK
FWAK
AAH!
WOOSH
KRAK
ARRGH!


WAAH!
CHAK
AHH!
SSHHAAA
THAA

WHOOSH
THOOM
WHAM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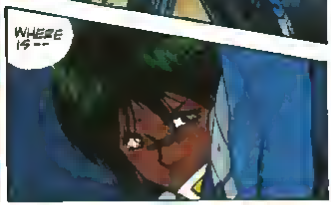
WHERE IS --

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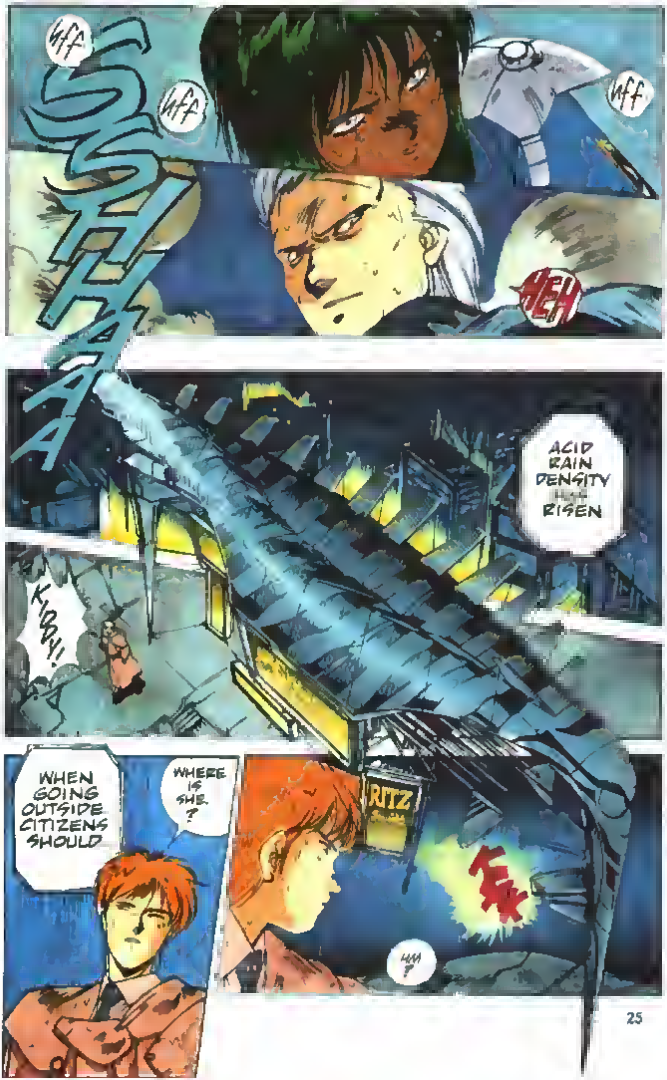
WHAWWW

KRA
BOOM
SHRAKK
DAMN--!
FOOM
KLANG

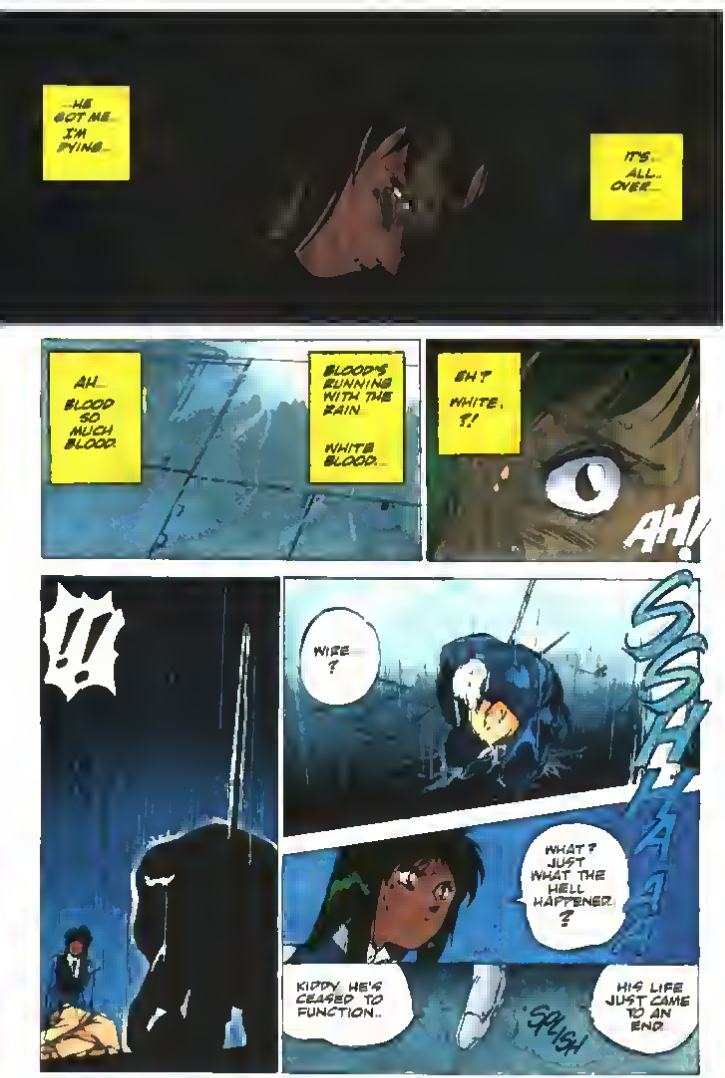

Uff
Uff
SSHAAA
Uff
HEH
ACID RAIN DENSITY HAS RISEN
KOOH!
WHEN GOING OUTSIDE CITIZENS SHOULD
WHERE IS SHE..?
RITZ
FX
HM?

WHOOM
KIDDY!
WHUMP
whuff
P-
DAMN...
MY
BODY.
JUST
CAN'T...
SLAK
SLAK

HFF
HFF
HFF
FOOM
SH UK
RALPH!
Nngh!
I WON'T LET YOU KILL ANYONE ELSE— WON'T LET YOU KILL THIS GIRL!
RALPH! STAY OUT OF THE WAY! THIS IS--

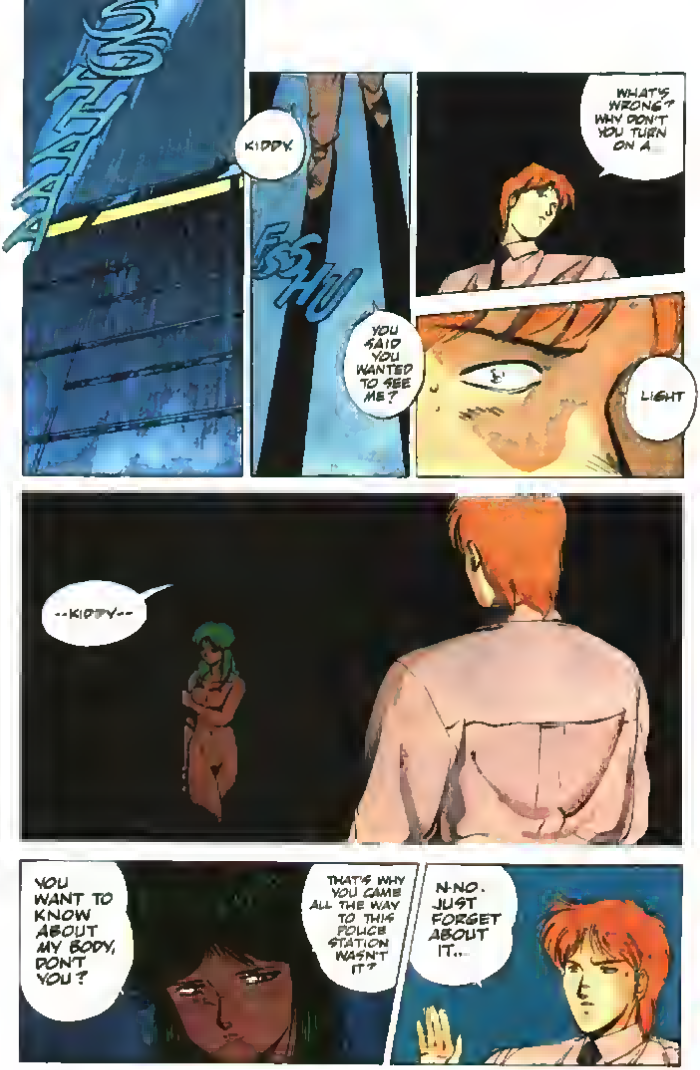
SHUT UP!
YOU'RE A GIRL, AREN'T YOU? YOU SHOULDN'T GO AROUND TALKING ABOUT REVENGE AND KILLING.
GET A LIFE, PAL!
THIS FREAK HAS TO DIE!
I'LL KILL WIFE IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
SLASH
GOT IT!?
OTHERWISE, I'LL.. I'LL..
SKRK
EEYAAHH!

WHUD
RALPH!
SWOOSH!
AH!
!!
SHUKK
GUH!


...HE GOT ME... I'M DYING...
IT'S... ALL... OVER...
AH... BLOOD SO MUCH BLOOD.
BLOOD'S RUNNING WITH THE RAIN... WHITE BLOOD...
EH? WHITE...?!
AH!
!!
WIRE ?
SSHAA
WHAT? JUST WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED ?
KIDDY HE'S CEASED TO FUNCTION..
SPLISH
HIS LIFE JUST CAME TO AN END.

SHAAA
BUT THAT'S.. THAT'S..
WE CHECKED THE DATABANKS OF HIS MANUFACTURER, NAGATA HEAVY INDUSTRIES TODAY. WAS HIS EXPLICATION DATE.
..BUT THAT'S..
SHAAA
IT'S OVER, KIDDY. YOUR REVENGE, TOO..
BUT THAT'S NOT FAIR..!
..E FINISHED HIMSELF OFF.. WITH HIS OWN HANDS..-

WHAT AM I--
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO !?
SHHAAA


KIDDY
FSHU
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SEE ME?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY DON'T YOU TURN ON A
LIGHT
--KIDDY--
YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MY BODY, DON'T YOU?
THAT'S WHY YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO THIS POLICE STATION WASN'T IT?
N-NO. JUST FORGET ABOUT IT..

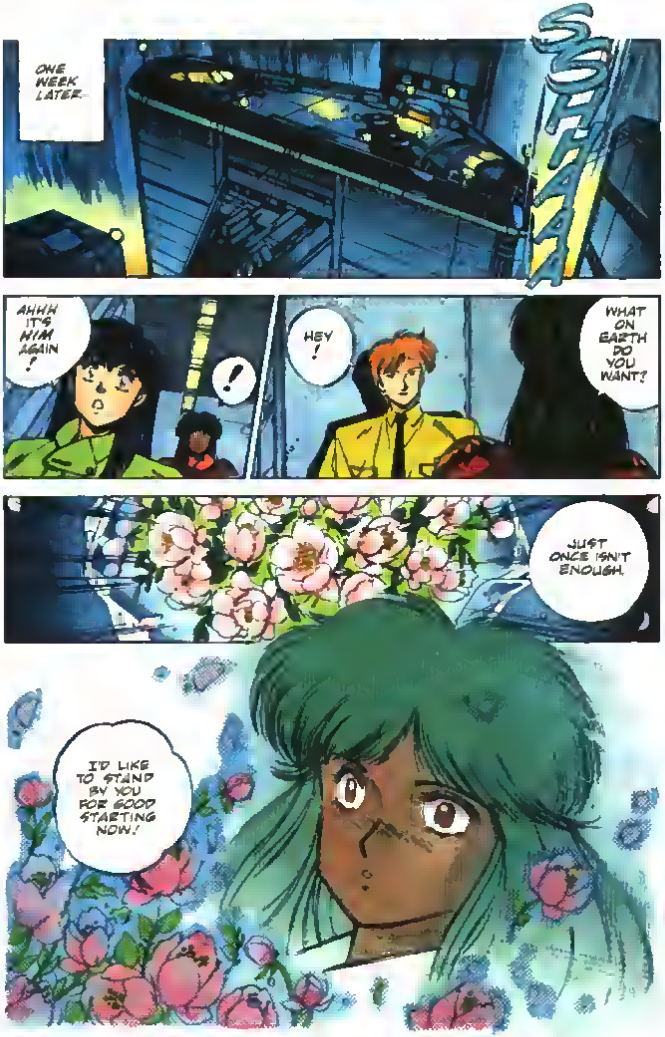
I WANT YOU TO SEE... FOR MY SAKE
FSSHU
THAT WAY I FEEL LIKE I CAN PUT THIS ALL BEHIND ME
...KIPPY...
SSSH
THIS... THIS IS MY BODY, RALPH.
SEVENTY PERCENT OF MY BODY IS BIONIC, COVERED WITH SYNTH-FLESH
THREE YEARS AGO...
KVK
AFTER BEING CUT TO PIECES, I WAS BARELY SAVED BY A CYBER-GRAFT OPERATION.
BUT I HAD IT CHANGED TO A COMBAT-GRAFT...
WHY ?

SO I COULD BECOME AS STRONG AS WIRE, THE THING THAT DESTROYED MY LIFE...
SO I COULD KILL HIM
HA HA-- IT'S FUNNY THE PARTS FOR MY COMBAT-CRAFT WERE DEVELOPED FROM MEGADYNE TECHNOLOGY
SSSHHH-!
IN ORDER TO KILL A MEGADYNE I BECAME ONE
EVENTUALLY, I STARTED TO HATE THIS BODY I WASN'T FEMININE ANYMORE I WAS A SUPER-HUMAN THING
I HATED THIS BODY, EVEN THOUGH I WANTED IT
I DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT I KEPT FEELING IT WASN'T THE WAY I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
SO I JOINED THE A.M.F. TO FORGET
BUT NOW THAT WIRE'S GONE...

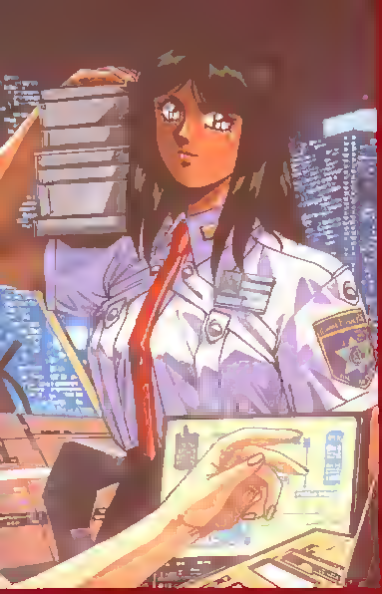
I THINK I CAN FINALLY LIVE WITH WHAT I'VE BECOME.

KIDDY...
.....
THANK YOU, RALPH... FOR STANDING BY ME THROUGH THIS...
DON'T MENTION IT...
.....

ARE YOU THROUGH, KIDDY?
YOU ALL
LET'S ALL GO FOR A DRINK.
.....
SOUNDS GOOD!
KIDDY THIS TIME YOUR REPORT AND APOLOGY WILL BE A LOT LONGER THAN FIFTY PAGES!
UH—
HA HA HA— NEED ANY HELP WRITING IT, KIDDY?
THAT'S OKAY I'LL DO IT MYSELF
SIGH
.....!
OUCH!!!


ONE WEEK LATER...
SHAAA
AHHH IT'S HIM AGAIN!
!
HEY!
WHAT ON EARTH DO YOU WANT?
JUST ONCE ISN'T ENOUGH.
I'D LIKE TO STAND BY YOU FOR GOOD STARTING NOW!

PART 1 END



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